Norway favours U.N. force for Gulf

ABU DHABI (AP) - Norway would contribute to a Umted Nations naval force if such a force were deployed to protect shipping in the war-imperited Gulf, a Norwegian official said Sunday. "We find the U.N. war-imperied crist, a norwegian official said Sunday. "We find the U.N. task force an interesting idea and if it becomes reality, we may consider our own contribution to such a mission," Kjell Rasmussen of the Norwegian Foreign Ministry told reporters in this southern Gulf port city. Mr. Rasmussen, head of a contingency planning group set up to oversee Norwegian ship attacks in the Gulf by warring Iran and Iraq, was in Dubai on the third leg of a Gulf tour which has earlier taken him to Kuwait and Bahrain. He is accommanded by defining attacks. Bahrain. He is accompanied by a defence attache from Norway's embassy in London. The visit followed the Dec. 10 Iraqi missile strike on the Norwegian-operated tanker Susangird which had been nn charter in Iran. The Norwegian captain and 20 Polish and Filipino crewmen died in the attack, the worst in the so-called Iran-Iraq tanker war. Iraq attacks Iran's shipping lanes to impede its war foe's oil exports, and force Tehran to accept a negotiated end to the seven-year-old conflict.



Peres wants 'meaningful' talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres on Sunday called for "meaningful negotiations" between Israel and the Arabs to resolve the continuing protests in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Peres, interviewed on the ABC television news programme "This Week with David Brinkley," urged discussions to resolve the Palestinian protests. "I think what we have now to start is meaningful negotiations and I do believe that the negotiations will result with some solutions that nobody has suggested until now, because in addition to the partition of the land, you can have other solutions like a federation, a confederation, sharing the government," Peres said. "Look let's face it. We are in a terribly complicated situation. There is no simple solution. Whoever will try to proceed the solution before the negotiations will fail," he said. The foreign minister urged directing all energy towards negotiations to end the Mideast conflict.

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Rifai rejects Peres'

claim of 'document of

understanding' with

Crown Prince meets Omani minister

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan received Oman's minister of state for defence, Al Mutasem Ibn Hmoud Al Bousaidi and discussed with him Jordanian-Omani relations in various fields. Prince Hassan and Mr. Bousaidi also reviewed issues of mutual interest and the recent developments in the region. Earlier on Sunday, Mr. Bousaidi visited the Fourth Royal Mechanised Division and the Martyr's Monument in South

U.S. delegation due on Jan. 6

AMMAN (J.T.) — A delegation of ten American Congressional staff members will arrive here on Wednesday Jan. 6 for three days of meetings with senior Jordanian officials. The Congressional legislative assistants will hear the views of Jordan regarding efforts for an international peace conference, trade and commerce issues, regional security concerns and the current situation in the occupied territories. The delegation will also visit Baqaa refugee camp. The host of the delegation's visit is the Arah Cultural Association of Amman headed by Mrs. Khawla Ahu Odeh. Organising the visit is the Washington-hased National Council on U.S.-Arah Relations.
"This visit will enable the Congressional staff members to better understand Jordan's views and positions when they return to Washington and consider legislation that would effect Jordan," said Mr. Ron Cathell, executive director of the National Council.

Egyptian envoy to Kuwait dies

KUWAIT (R) — Egypt's new amhassador to Kuwait, Salahuddin Mohammad Hindawi, 47, died on Sunday of a heart attack, the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported. Mr. Hindawi took up his post on Dec. 6 after Knwait restored diplomatic ties with Cairo after an eight-year hreak caused by Egypt's 1979 treaty with Israel.

Capucci seeks Jewish support for Palestinians

ROME (AP) — Greek Catholic Archhishop Hilarion Capucci marked the 13th day of a hunger strike in protest against Israeli actions against Palestinian protesters with a call for Jewish support of the Palestinian cause. The 65year-old Capucci said Jews, "having for years known the tragedy of being wanderers and exiles," should be among the first to understand the Palestinian quest for a homeland, according to the Italian news agency AGI. The Syrian-born patriarch is conducting his strike at the Rome office of the Arah League.

Iran to fly 'drones' over Gulf

King Hassan called for an Isla-NICOSIA (AP) — Iran will fly pilotless reconnaissance planes over the Gulf after U.S. forces mic summit last year following violence between Iranian pilgrims and Saudi Arabian security forces deployed similar "drones," an in Mecca in July but diplomats Iranian newspaper reported Sunsay the response was poor.

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Israeli soldier kills Palestinian housewife; occupation authorities order 9 Arabs expelled

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — An Israeli soldiershot dead a Palestinian houswife in fresh violence in the occupied West Bank on Sunday after Israel

said it was expelling nine Arabs from the occupied territories. The killing of Haniya Suleiman Zarawneh, 25, in the village of Al Rom near Jerusalem, was the first by soldiers in nearly two weeks. According to official Israeli count, troops killed 23 Palestinians last month in two weeks of anti-occupation protests in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Enam, a cousin of Ms. Zarawneh and who witnessed the killing, said a soldier fired at the woman from a short distance after chasing a boy demonstrator to their three-storey apartment

"A single soldier was chasing a small hoy... the boy ran into the house through a glass door and the soldier fired at the door," said Enam, pointing at two hullet holes visible in the glass door.

Enam, who declined to give her last name for fear of reprisals, said the soldier tried to break in through another door and then ran around the house to a veranda where Ms. Zarawneh was husy hanging her washing.

She said that the soldier apparently captured the boy and fired at Ms. Zarawneh after an argument in which she pleaded

that the boy be released. "He apparently fired from a very close distance, two to three metres," she said.

Jerusalem

Committee

meets today

on situation

in occupied

RABAT (R) — Islamic ministers will discuss the Palestinian upris-

ing in the Israeli-occupied Arah territories on Monday and

Palestine Liberation Organisa-tion (PLO) would urge full sup-

The PLO is on the Organisa-

tion of Islamic Conference's

(OIC) 15-member Jerusalem

Committee, which Morocco's

King Hassan has summoned to

discuss the bloody events in the

occupied territories and to adopt

'a clear and sound position, with-

out any sectarian or partisan

The U.N. Security Council and

methods of suppressing the upris-ing in the occupied territories.

The Jerusalem Committee was

originally due to meet eight days ago but the meeting was post-poned at Saudi Arabia's request

because it coincided with a Gulf

Cooperation Council (GCC)

Diplomats did not expect Iran and Syria to attend the two-day

meeting at foreign ministers' level because of political differ-

Bangladesh are the other mem-

bers of the committee.

summit in Riyadh.

territories

port for the revolt.

On the veranda, where the washing was still hanging on a rope, a shoe of Ms. Zarawneh was seen lying, surrounded hy several spots of blood. Relatives showed reporters an empty rifle

Outside, some 50 Arah women were circling the house and shouting slogans. No Israeli troops were seen.

Enam said Ms. Zarawneh was still alive after the shooting. "She shonted: 'he killed me,' and clutched her throat," she said. Dr. Yasser Obeid, Ramallah

Hospital's deputy director, confirmed the report. He said the woman was brought to the hospital dead, 'shot through the left side of her chest. "I understood from her family

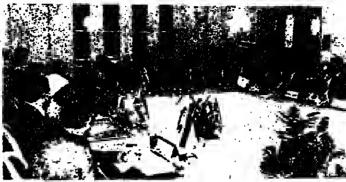
that a soldier was chasing a boy and opened fire. This woman was apparently washing clothes outside her house," said Dr. Obeid, reached by telephone.

About 100 men gathered at the village cemetery, some digging the grave, while others raised the Palestinian flag, hurned tyres and erected roadhlocks.

Also Sunday, the army clamped curfews on the Amari refugee camp that houses some 5,000 Palestinians near Ramallah, and on the Tulkarm refugee camp, home to about 10,000 Palestinians, the Palestine Press Service reported.

It said that the curfews followed protests at the two camps.

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His Majesty King Hussein on Sunday attends meetings of an eight-member Arab ministerial committee entrusted with the task of reviewing and reorganising the work of various pan-Arab organisa-

Ministerial panel begins review of Arab organisations

AMMAN (J.T.) - His Majesty the league, King Hussein on Sunday attended part of the first meeting of an eight-member Arah League committee entrusted with ex-amining the work and performance of pan-Arah organisations.

The first meeting was held at the Royal Court under the chairmanship of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. The session was attended hy Prime Minister Zaid Rifai.

The committee will discuss means of bolstering Arah economic cooperation and integration aimed at promoting solidarity among Arab countries, Jordan

News Agency, Petra, said. The committee will review reports drawn up hy economic ex-perts led by the acting prime minister of Lehanon, Dr. Salim. Al Hoss, offering specific proposals for reorganisation of Arah institutions created by the Arah League, and ministerial councils and Arah federations affiliated to attended Sunday's meeting.

The committee meeting comes in implementation of resolutions adopted by the Nov. 8-11 extraordinary Arah summit meeting held

The committee, which is chaired by the Algerian finance minister, includes the finance or trade ministers of Tunisia, Saudi Arahia, Syria, Iraq, Kuwait, Morocco, Jordan and a representative of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Executive Committee.

Taking part in the three-day meeting in Amman are several officials and economic experts in the Arah World, in addition to the director general of the Arah Fund for Economic and Social Development.

Dr. Hanna Odeh, minister of finance, and Mr. Mohammad Saqqaf, under-secretary of the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

King Fahd calls on U.N. to hold Middle East peace conference

KUWAIT (Agencies) — King on Monday in Morocco to discuss East bloc ambassadors and more Fahd Ibn Ahdul Aziz of Saudi the Palestinian protests in the than 8,000 Palestinians and Arabs Arabia has called on the United Nations to convene an international peace conference on the Middle East to solve the Palestinian problem, the Kuwaiti News Agency (KUNA) reported

"The dangerous deterioration in the occupied lands requires the U.N. and the Security Council to shoulder their duties and solve the Palestinian problem not only through statements of condemna-"We shall ask for all possible support and help to our brethren in the occupied territories," a PLO source told Reuters. tion but also by convening an international peace conference,"
King Fahd said.
His statement was contained in

message to the emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaher Al Ahmad Al Sabah, KUNA said.

The king also called for the return of Jerusalem and other Israeli-occupied territories to Arah sovereignty, and for Palesti-nian self-determination.

Sheikh Jaber is chairman of the

46-nation Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), whose Jerusalem committee is due to meet

occupied territories.

Palestine Liberation Organisa-tion (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat said Saturday that the United States recently approved the idea of convening an international peace conference on the Mid-

Addressing a rally in Kuwait marking the 23rd anniversary of the creation of his Fatah movement, Mr. Arafat pledged to continue the Palestinian revolt in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. He said "weapons other than stones" would be used in future.

"We have received information that the United States has now approved the idea of convening an international peace conference... to be attended by all concerned parties including the PLO," Mr. Arafat told the gathering which was attended hy Soviet Ambassador to Kuwait

Ernest Zverev. Also present were Arah and

from among the large expatriate groups that work in Kuwait.

Turning to the occupied territories, Mr. Arafat said "the Palestinian command has taken a decision not to use arms during the present uprising in the occupied territories to avoid a massacre planned by the Zionist enemy.

"Our people are using stones at present, hut they will use other weapons at the appropriate time in future," he added.

Drawing applause from the au-dience, Mr. Arafat said the current protests by the Palestinians reflected determination to regain their rights.

He recalled a statement by the late U.S. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles that "only one generation will remember Palestine and afterwards it falls into ohli-

"I now tell Dulles that the third generation... did not forget Palestine," he said.

Cairo frees 26 held after Friday protest

CAIRO (R) — A prosecutor ordered the release on hail on Sunday of 26 Muslim fundamentalists arrested on Friday during violent anti-Israeli protests in Cairo.

The official Middle East News Agency (MENA) said hail for the 26 ranged from 20 Egyptian pounds (\$9) to 50 pounds (\$22). It said no formal charges had yet been laid and investigations were

Riot police baton-charged hundreds of militant Muslims who demonstrated on Friday against the killing of Palestinians by Israeli forces in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip during two weeks of anti-occupation protests last month.

Jordan on peace talks By a Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — Prime Minister Zaid Rifai has denied a claim by the Israeli foreign minister that Jordan and Israel had drawn up a "document of understanding" on the modalities for an international peace conference on the Middle East.

Mr. Rifai, speaking in an interview with the British Broadcastiog Cor-poration (BBC) and the Washington Post, also said the recent Palestinian protests io the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip were only the beginning of uprising of a people refusing commued occupation. believe that as long as there is no peace process, as long as there is on chance of a settlement in sight, what happened in the West Bank and Gaza was only the beginning," the prime minister said in the loterview, conducted by Samira Kawar.

Replying to other questions, Mr. Rifai said that contacts were under-way at various levels between Syria and Iraq after the reconciliation between the leaders of the two countries at the Nov. 8-11 extraordinary Arah summit in Amman On Syrian moves in the Gulf, Mr.

Rifai said he believed that the Syrians were hriefing "the Gulf states as to the results of their contacts with the Iranians... focused on trying to limit the war and not to expand it and not allow to expand it. allow to escalate.

On efforts to bring an end to the Iran-Iraq war through implementing U.N. Security Council Resolution 598, which Iraq has accepted and Iran has refused to abide by, Mr. Rifai said that during the recent visit to the Soviet Union by His Majesty King Hussein, the Soviet leadership io-formed Jordan that Moscow was will-ing to discuss with other members of the Security Council "on what action can be taken and must be takeo in order to coovince the Iranians that the ooly possible approach... is the acceptance of... Resolution 598."

and Washington Post. A recording of the loterview was made available to the Jordan Times on Sunday.

Question: The receot violence or upheavals in the occupied Arah territories seem to have died down now. Is this part of the recurrent cycle of violence in periods of calm or are they going to be different in the occupied territories now as a result of the Answer: We believe what have hap-

pened in the occupied territories in West Baok and Gaza was inevitable. The Palestinian people have reached a point where they cannot tolerate continued occupation any more. It is a very harsh occupation. It is not magnanimous hy any means. The practices of the Israeli occupatioo authornies are driving the people to resist occupation. What happened was a spootaneous reaction of a people refusing continued occupation without any bope of any settlement in

We believe that what happened is another proof of what is needed for the necessity of keeping the peace time and again the only way to arrive at a peaceful settlement is with the convening of an international conference to be attended by all parties to the conflict, as well as the five permaneot members of the Security Couocil under United Nations auspices to implement Security Council Resolutions 338 and 242. As a result of the heavy-handed and even merciless practices of the Israeli authorities where they even resorted to shooting young boys, the situation seems to be for the time being under control, but Following is a transcript of the prime this is by on means indicative that minister's interview with the BBC calm will remain. We believe that as

long as there is no peace process, long as there is no chance of a semlement in sight, what happened in the West Bank and Gaza was only the

Q: Do you see any indications of some Israeli politicians getting this message? For example, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres has been making statements to the effect that there is some son of a document of understanding between Jordan and Israel on the modalities of the international peace conference. Is that

A: No. There is no such document. What happened was that when the United States was interested in the peace conference, the U.S. started discussing with us modalities, the role of the conference, its competence, its authority (and) representation in it. We agreed on some points, disagreed on others, and then when the Israeli government took such an extreme position against the international conference our talks with our American friends ceased and there have been on

developments since then.

Q: Why then is Mr. Peres making this statement at this particular time? A: I don't think this question should be addressed to me. Perhaps one should ask him. I don't know. Q: So in other words there is no real movement as far as an initiative to convene an international peace con-

ference is concerned at this time? A: As you know, there are internadonal unanimous support for the international peace conference. There ntry that oppos conference. That is Israel. And perhaps as a result of the Israeli position, the U.S. government has not takeo a firm staod, a public position on the international conference, so at the momeot there is no

movement at all.

Q: If we could move to another subject, the results of the recent Arab summit in Amman. One of the major results was Arah coocensus on the Iran-Iraq war, which Syria was part of. Have efforts to hring Syria and Iraq closer together progressed any further since the end of the summit?

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21, including 2 entire families, killed in Israeli raid on Lebanon BEIRUT (Agencies) — At least cent Druze-controlled Shouf re- GC, which is led by Ahmad

21 people were killed and 30 others wounded in Israeli air and naval attacks overnight and Israeli warplanes staged mock air raids Sunday, according to re-ports reaching here from the stricken areas.

Witnesses quoted hy Reuter said the Israeli jets drew heavy anti-aircraft fire when they swooped over the Druze-controlled village of Barja, hardest hit in the overnight raids, as mourning residents searched for missing re-Police and hospital sources said

seven infants were among the Palestinians and Lebanese killed in the raids. "It's a mass hurial," said a 17-

year-old Palestinian survivor whose father, mother and five brothers were killed. "All my family is huried there."
Three PSP militiamen and 12

members of two families were killed in Barja. Police said they were Khalil Mshafi, 57, a farmer, his 52-year-old wife, and their five sons and daughters aged between six and 19; and Issa Abdul Razzak, 36, a shoemaker, his wife, 30, and their three children aged between three and nine. The one-storey house of each of the two families, about 500

metres apart, was demolished by missile hits, police said. The night time raid, the first by Israel into Lebanon this year, left 2I people killed and 30 wounded at the teeming 'Ain Al Hilweh refugee camp near South Leba-non's port of Sidon and the adjagion, police said.

Lebanese police said a squad-ron of 12 fighter-hombers thundered in from the dark
Mediterranean sky shortly before
midnight Saturday to stage the

killed and six wounded.
In Tel Aviv, the Israeli
reported only the Sidon

three-pronged air assault.

As the population of 'Ain Ai Hilweh rushed to bomh shelters, the jets illuminated the target areas with parachute flares and rocketed bases of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Pales-tine-General Command (PFLP-

A three-storey villa used by the PFLP-GC at a hanana grove near 'Ain Al Hilweh was devastated by two rocket hits. Another twostorey headquarters was reduced to rubhle in coastal Jiyeh and a third two-storey command post

was wrecked on Barja's outskirts. Barja, which took the brunt of the Israeli attack, is five kilometres inland from the Jiyeh habour. Israeli officials contend that the Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) has been using Jiyeb to smuggle Palestinians hack to effect.

tal areas with large Palestinian enforce its blockade.

were apparently in revenge for a hang-glider attack by the PFLP- ship movements," he said. GC in November in which six Israeli soldiers died.

The assault on Barja flattened six houses and a two-storey build-ing used as a base by the PFLP-saying "I'd rather hlow it up."

In Tel Aviv, the Israeli military reported only the Sidon raid. It said targets included the headquarters of Fateh, largest group

in the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), and the PFLP-The attacks, which included coastal shelling hy Israeli gunboats, heightened tensions between the PSP militia and the Christian-dominated Lehanese

The army and the PSP declared hlockades of each other's ports on Saturday after the PSP refused to return a helicopter gunship in which a Druze air force officer deserted to PSP territory.

The Lebanese army kept up its hlockade of PSP-held ports south of Beirut on Sunday but a shipping source said the tit-for-tat PSP blockade of rightist-held ports north of Beirut had had no

A security source said the PSP. Israeli jets and helicopter led by Transport, Tourism and gunships also hombed Awali and Puhlic Works Minister Walid led by Transport, Tourism and Damour — PSP-controlled coas- Junhlatt, lacked the means to

"They don't have a navy, radar Security sources said the raids or jets that would enable them to impose a hlockade and detect

Mr. Junhlatt rejected an army command ultimatum to return the missile-equipped Gazelle

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- ences with Morocco, which has no diplomatic relations with either state. Jordan, Pakistan, Iraq, Guinea, Niger, Indonesia, Lebanon, Mauritania, Senegal and

French go-between says Abu Nidal will free 2 girls BEIRUT (Agencies) — French mediator Lucien Bitterlin left

the United States, Israel's main ally, severely criticised Israeli Lebanon for Libya on Sunday, saying he was assured by the Abu Nidal group that two French girls it holds would be freed before the end of January.

Mr. Bitterlin, head of a French pro-Arab lobbying group wbo flew to Beirut on Saturday, left for the Libyan capital of Tripoli via Rome before noon, Beirut airport officials quoted hy AP

"I have had assurance that the two girls will be released before the end of January at the most," Mr. Bitterlin told reporters before boarding the Rome-bound Middle East Airlines jetliner. "I haven't seen them but was

emphatically assured that they

are both in very good health," he

Mr. Bitterlin came to Beirut at the invitation of Ahu Nidal's Fateb-Revolutionary Council (FRC) faction to play a role in releasing the French girls, Virginie, 5 and Marie-Laure, 6.

They have been held with their mother Jacqueline Valente, 30, and five other Belgians. The Abu

Nidal group said on Nov. 8 that it bad seized them aboard the French yacht Silko off the Israelioccupied Gaza Strip. Mr. Bitterlin, a former Gaullist

parliament deputy who currently heads the Franco-Arah Solidarity Association, met with Ahu Nidal's representatives at west Beirut's Mar Elias Palestinian refugee camp shortly after his arrival in the capital Saturday evening. Mr. Bitterlin said Saturday the

girls and the other captives were in good health.

16 killed in West German jet crash near Turkish coast

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — The Transportation Minister said early Sunday that officials would investigate the possibility that sabotage was responsible for the crash of a West German charter plane carrying 16 people, according to press reports.

The Minister, Ekrem Pakdemirli, told the semi-official Anatolia News Agency on Sunday that because of allegations that the Boeing 737 exploded in the air, officials would investigate the possibility of a sabotage. Pakdemirli flew to the accident site from Ankara, the capital, to coordinate the investigation.

The Condor Airlines plane carrying 11 Turks and a five-member West German crew crashed in a mountainous area near the Aegean seacoast, according to Anatolia and Condor.

The news agency said the identities had not been determined of the seven charted bodies searchers recovered Saturday night. Officials said they would re-

sume recovery operations in the morning after calling off the search in the early morning hours due to darkness

In Frankfurt, West Germany, a

Condor spokeswoman said the flight, was en route from Stuttgart, Wesi Germany, to the coas-

included two pilots and three Mr. Pakdemirli said there was no way to determine the cause of the crash until the black box

recovered. Anatolia reported that an 11member technical team representing Condor Airlines arrived at Izmir early Sunday morning to investigate the accident.

containing flight information was

tal city of Izmir. She said the crew

flight attendants.

Before it crashed, the plane was to pick up 125 Turkish passengers and return to Stuttgart, where they were to be employed as "guest workers." said a spokesman for the Stuttgartbased Avrupa Co., which orga-

nised the flight. The 11 Turks on board were

returning after working in West Germany, Avrupa spokesman secutor who was part of the es-Saim Buyukyilmaz told the Associated Press. He said Avrupa, the Turkish word for Europe, organises flights for Turks employed in the Stuttgart area.

The plane crashed in a mountainous area near the town of Seferihisar around 8:30 p.m. (830 GMT), a control tower official at Izmir's Adnan Menderes Airport told the Associated Press.

Seferihisar is 640 kilometres south west of Istanbul and 40 kilometres south of Izmir.

The Condor Airline spokeswoman said the plane left Stutt-gart at 2:24 p.m. (1324 GMT).

The control tower official said the plane's last communication with the control tower was about 10 minutes before the crash, when the pilot said he would land soon. The pilot mentioned no technical problems and "everything seemed OK," the official said, speaking on condition of.

He said the weather was clear enough for a safe flight despite

Walsh to question Bush

NEW YORK (R) — The special prosecutor in the Iran-contra affair is expected to submit questions to Vice President George Bush on his role in selling U.S. weapons to Iran and may request an interview with him, the New York Times said on Sunday.

Quoting Reagan administra tion officials, the newspaper said the prosecutor, Lawrence Walsh, believes Bush must answer several questions about his participanon in the sale and the advice he may have given President Reagan ahead of it.

There is no indication that the prosecutor is considering charges against Mr. Bush, the newspaper

It quoted a spokesman for Bush as saying: "I can't comment on any of the procedures or whether we've been contacted by the independent counsel. That would be inappropriate. I can say that we will continue to be fully cooperative."

Mr. Bush's role in the affair has come under increased scrutiny in recent weeks, the newspaper

It said that a newly discovered White House memo dated Fehruary 1986 and released last month by congressional investigators, described Mr. Bush as "solid" in his support of the arms shipment

The memo was important because it depicted Mr. Bush as being an active supporter of the arms shipments, the article said. It said Mr. Bush has refused so far to discuss his role in the affair in detail, saying his conversation with the president should remain

private. The newspaper quoted Mr. Bush as saying last month: "If the price for my winning the election is that I have to go out and violate that confidence, I'm not going to

pay that price." Mr. Walsh has already submitted a series of written ques-

tions to Mr. Reagan and has not ruled out private meeting with the president to go over the answers, the New York Times

Iran 'trains' Afghan rebels on Gulf front

mission in the Gulf a success, De-

fence Secretary Frank Carlucci

begins a four-nation tour of the

region on Monday to assess possible modifications of U.S. policy

Mr. Carlucci will visit Kuwait,

Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and

Oman, as well as American

warships, to gather information

to take back to President Reagan

on how best to achieve U.S. goals

in the region torn by war between

given by the Reagan administra-

tion for initiating a mission in July to escort 11 Kuwaiti tankers

placed under the American flag

to protect them from attack by

in the region.

Iraq and Iran.

MOSCOW (R) - The Soviet government newspaper Izvestia said on Sunday that Iran was instructing Afghan guerrillas in special schools and giving them practical battle training in the Gulf war.

Izvestia quoted Said Ahmad, 25, as saying he was among 1,200 Afghans who attended a threemonth course at a school in the Tehran subush of Fars Abadan. They were instructed in the use of explosives, hand-to-hand combat and teargas defence.

"After three months, all graduates were sent to the Iran-Iraq front. This was called 'practice', Ahmad added.

He said he fought in a 15-man unit headed by an Iranian, mainly in the Haji-Muran region. On three occasions he was taken on raids into the Iranian interior to search for "volunteers" for the front and to set up road-hlocks.

Ahmad said his group returned from the front to Tehran after exactly 10 months. He said more than 100 Afghans had died during their practical training course.

His guerrilla group then slip-ped across the border into Afghanistan by night, he said, but he and other trainees, disgusted by what they had seen of war, decided to go over to the govern-

Ahmad named the Iranian training installation as the salem's Beit Agron Yesh Gvul Kbatem-Ol-Anhia School. activists said that this was the first for refusing to serve in Lebanon. Formerly used for the instruction of Iranian fighters, he said, it began training Afghan rebels in March 1986. He was among the first group.

Izvestia largely abstained from comment on Ahmad's statements, saying only that the majority of Afghan guerrillas trained in Iran underwent compulsory training at the front.

WASHINGTON (R) — Proclaiming the limited U.S. convoy ally of Iraq. ated ships.

ally of Iraq.
"It doesn't mean that there aren't still risks over there, but we are successfully convoying ships."
Mr. Carlucci said in a television interview on Dec. 24.

Carlucci to review Gulf operations.

The Pentagon's year-end tally shows 17 warships assigned to the Middle East Force, which is responsible for the escorts, plus eight on back-up duty in the north Arabian Sea and eight in the Indian Ocean.

The 22nd such convoy wound up its 1,000 kilometre trip The United States, a procthrough the Gulf without incident laimed neutral in the war, insists on Dec. 31. Though the U.S. that the vital oil waterway must operation got off to a bumpy start, no reflagged ship has been damaged while under U.S. escort be kept open to shipping and protected against Iranian and Soviet domination. since the supertanker Bridgeton That was the major reason struck a mine on July 24 on the maiden U.S. convov.

However, the Gulf became even more perilous for merchant ships in 1987 despite the presence of naval forces from the United States, the Soviet Union. Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Italy.

The private centre for defence information says Iran and Iraq attacked 165 commercial ships up to Dec. 21, when the list was compiled, compared with 111 in have been U.S.-owned or oper- said.

Philip Loree, head of the Federation of American Controlled Shipping, criticised the exclusion

of U.S. tankers from the escore operation, saying: "It has certainly suggested to would be attack. ers that these ships are fair The federation has urged the administration to extend U.S.

protection to American-owned or operated ships, and Mr. Carluon vowed during his confirmation hearings in November to consider Independent analysts say the

escort operation is also meant to restore U.S. credibility with Arab states after the harm done by Mr. Reagan's secret arms deals with Tehran and the diversion of profits to right-wing Nicaraguan te-

'As Gulf states have become increasingly confident of the firmness of our commitment, they have offered valuable military cooperation. Assistant Secret-ary of State Richard Murphy told two House Foreign Affairs panels last month.

This ranged from help in clearing mines in international water. to providing facilities to more supplies and equipment to U.S. all of 1986. Several of the targets forces in the area. Mr. Murphy

160 Israelis refuse service in West Bank and Gaza

By Andy Court

ONE HUNDRED and sixty army reservists have declared that they would "refuse to take part in suppressing the uprising and insurrection in the occupied territories."

The Yesh Gvul (There Are Limits) movements released a list of officers and reserve soldiers who signed a proclamation that "the uprising in the territories, and its hrutal suppression" by Israel army, "graphically illustrates the price of occupation and the absence of a political solution." They said that they can no longer bear the burden of shared responsibility for this moral and political deterioration.

The signers include Dedi Ben Shitrit, a Jerusalem city councilman; Haim Baram, a journalist with Kel Hair and Seffi Ben Yosef. Three majors, five captains, and one medical officer signed the statement. Only one woman's name appeared on the

At a press conference at Jeruof their petitions that was not. The movement has more recently directed as a request to the De-turned its attention to the West fence Minister but rather as a Bank and the Gaza Strip. kind of public oath. "If 10,000 reservists would say

30-year-old Jerusalem psycholog- Post.

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ist and a leader of the movement. Each of the signers draws a different line about the conditions under which we would agree to do his reserve duty. Menuchin said. Some people are willing to serve in the territories as long as they are not put in a position of confrontation with the civilians

the job, he said. Yesh Gvul will not activly encourage young people to refuse to carry out their mandatory army service if they must serve in the territories, but it will do everything it can to support those who

there. Others refuse to put a foot

into the territories, regardless of

make such a decision. No Yesh Gvul activists are currently in jail for refusing to serve, Menuchin said. In September. three reserve soldiers were sentenced to prison terms ranging from a week to a month for refusing to serve in the West

Yesh Gvul, originally a protest movement of army reservists against the Lebanon war, became a support group for soldiers jailed Movement activists see their

refusal to take part in the occupathat they won't take part in the tion as a form of civil disobedioccupation, then the government ence designed to break the curwould have to sit down and come rent deadlock in the peace proup with a political solution to the cess's and lead to talks with the problem," said Ishai Menuchin, a Palestinians - The Jerusalem

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Pressure grows on France for return of expelled Iranians

PARIS (R) — International appeals and several dozen determined hunger strikers are putting pressure on the French government to allow 15 expelled Iranians and Turks to return to their homes in France, supporters of the exiles say.

Four more hunger strikers pressing for the return of their comrades expelled to the West African state of Gabon were taken to hospital on Saturday in

Forty people have been refusing solid food for 26 days in protest at the government's expulsion of the 15 on Dec. 8 on grounds they threatened French national security.

Nine hunger strikers altogether are receiving hospital treatment in Paris. The 15 exiles are also on hunger strike in the Gahonese capital of Libreville and five have been admitted to hospital.

"According to Red Cross doctors, some of these people will not live beyond their 30th day of hunger strike," said the protesters' spokesman, Hassan Navehagha. Two of the Iranians expelled to Gabon were critically

ill, he said. Nayehagha told Reuters outside the Paris offices of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, site of the protest, that there were indications the centreright government of Prime Minister Jacques Chirac might bow to the demands.

"There have been signs that after Jan. 1, if the French hostages in Beirut have not been freed, then the French government may change the situation, but nothing has been announced

officially yet," he said. Nayebagha described as encouraging President Francois Mitterrand's meeting at the Elysee Palace on Thursday with the U.N. High Commissioner for Re-

fugees, Jean-Pierre Hocke.
"We have been told here by the High Commissioner that if nothing happens by Jan. 4, then he will take strong steps towards trying to solve the problem ... the meeting with Mr. Mitterrand is a step towards the solution," he

may call on Mr. Chirac to produce evidence the 15 were engaged in illegal political activities, political sources say. Government lawyers have so

Mr. Mitterrand, a Socialist,

far refused to produce proof at a Paris court hearing hrought by the exiles' supporters. Twelve of those expelled were members of the Peoples' Mujahe-

force opposing Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. Critics have said the expulsions are linked to a complex deal between Paris and Tehran to end a diplomatic stalemate between the two countries and to free three French hostages held by

the fact that the plane has not been filled up by large numbers of passengers," Pakdemirli said. Velayati says Iran-GCC talks proposal 'positive'

NICOSIA (R) — Iran was prepared to meet the six Arab states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) if an agenda is agreed beforehand, Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati was

quoted on Sunday as saying. "Iran considers (a meeting) as a-positive step but it is necessary that the gathering as well as the framework of the negotiations be agreed in advance," Mr. Velayati said in a report carried by the Iranian News Agency (IRNA).

GCC states back lraq in the seven-year-old Gulf war but they agreed at a summit in Riyadh last week to maintain contacts with Iran in a hid to speed up a settlement of the conflict that is threatening to spill over into their territories.

cue team, said it was likely the

airplane exploded in mid-air since

the bodies were strewn over a

large area. Anatolia reported. He

said identification cards on the

Osman Polat, a village head-

man, who lives close to the crash

site, said he heard a loud explo-

sion that turned "the night's

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who visited the site, said the

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Anatolia reported.

Ibrahim Toprukcan, a villager

The villagers said the crash

Anatolia said the 26-year-old

Relatives of the victims waiting

at the airport rushed to telephone

booths to call friends or relatives

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loved ones were on the flight,

"It is a very sad incident, but

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made a deep hole on the ground.

bodies were ruined.

Mr. Velayati said Oman's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Youssef Ibn Alawi was the first to propose the meeting between non-Arab Iran and the GCC, which comprise Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arah Emirates (UAE) and Oman.

Oman jointly controls with Iran the Hormuz Strait at the mouth of the Gulf and has consistently promoted good ties with Tehran.

IRNA, received in Cyprus, said on Sunday that Mr. Velayati's remarks were made on television on Thursday.

Oman raises 1988 defence spending

MUSCAT, Oman (AP) — The (\$1.3 hillion). Sultanate of Oman, at the southern edge of the war-troubled region demands that the sultanate Gulf, is to increase defence maintains a prudently high level spending this year to a third of its of defence capability," officials budget despite a projected 252- said. million-rival (\$650 million) deficit, government sources said

deen group, the main armed Sunday. fiscal 1988, said the sources who spoke on condition they not be pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon.

"The present instability in the

U.S. Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci, who is due in Muscat for bilateral talks later this week A total of 532.6 million rials as part of an 8-day Gulf tour, is (\$1.4 hillion) has been allocated likely to meet top Oman defence to national defence out of prop- officials, diplomatic sources said. osed government expenditure of It is not known whether he will fence is buying eight Tornado 1.6 hillion rials (\$4.13 billion) for have an audience with Sultan all-weather interceptor aircraft Qaboos, 47, who is a trained military staff officer.

named. Defence spending last
Via exports account for 80 per year totalled 521 million rials cent of state revenue of Oman, Oil exports account for 80 per

which is not a member of the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries

Despite its high dependence on oil sales to finance its defence programme, Oman has agreed to maintain reduced production of around 565,000 harrels per day to support the cartel's efforts to stabilise the oil market. The Omani Ministry of De-

for the Omani Air Force under a \$362.5 million (£200 million) contract signed with British Aerospace last month.

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A slight increase in temperature is expected. Medium and high clouds will appear, with chaoces for scattered showers at times. Winds will be southeasterly moderate. Io Aqaba, it will be dusty and partly cloudy. Winds will be northeasterly moderate and calm sea. Min/max. tem

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman II. Agaba 19. Humidity readings: Amman 50 per cent, Agaba 39 per

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WHAT'S GOING ON

CHILDREN'S

CARTOONS

★ Children's French films and cartoons at the Haya Arts Ceotre (Jan. 3 to 7). FEATURE FILMS

CHILDREN'S FILMS

★ Hail Caesar at 8:00 p.m. at the British Council. ★ "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" at 7:00 p.m. at the American Centre.

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MUSEUMS

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum" Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed on Friday.

Folkiore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the anti-quities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9,00

a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official bolidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

SERVICE CLUBS

The Amman Lious Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel. 7:30 p.m. Lious Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Ammon Hotel. 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. 1:30 p.m. Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel. 2:00 p.m. Royal Automobile Club. Jabal Amman. Eighth Circle. Tel. 816534.

CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman. Tel. 624590. Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jahal Luweibdeh, Tel. Catholic) Jahal Luweibdeh, Tel. 637440.
De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757.
Terrasanta Church (Roman Catholic). Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meet every Saturday at 5:30 p.m. Tel: 622366 p.m. Tel: 6223/6 Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abdali, Tel. 623541. Anglican Church (Church of the Re-deemer) Jabal Amman. Tel. 625383. occiner) Jacai Amman, 1el. 623-85, chaplain's residence tel. 601359. Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafich, Tel. 771331. Armenian Orthodox Church Ashra-fich, Tel. 775261. St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafich, Tel. 77[75]. Amman International Church (Inter-denominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. 677534. b/13.34. Evangelical Lutheran Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Ara-bic Service: Sunday 7 p.m. Rev. N. Smir 811295.

Rainbow Congregation (meets at the Good Shepherd's Church)

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Dudin briefs British Labour leader on Israeli violations

AMMAN (J.T.) — The British international effort is now needed Labour Party spokesman for foreign affairs, Gerald Kaufman, met here on Sunday with Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Marwan Dudin for an exchange of views on Middle East affairs. Mr. Dudin briefed the disting-

nished guest on the situation in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and the recent Palestinian uprising against the Israeli occupation authorities which resalted in the death of 53 people and the detention of bundreds of

The minister also spoke about the consequences of Israel's arbitrary measures against the Palestimans in the occupied territories and its attempts to force the Palestinians to abandon their homeland. He said these measures were flagrant violations of all international laws and princi-

Mr. Dudin emphasised that an

to establish a just and durable peace in the region through an international peace conference.

Mr. Kaufman, who served as a cabinet minister under a Labour government, briefed Mr. Dudin on the outcome of his recent visit to the occupied territories. Mr. Kaufman, who arrived

here on Jan. 1, later paid a visit to the Baqaa Palestinian refugee camp and met with notables there to whom he stressed the Labour Party's support for an international conference on peace in the Middle East. Accompanied by government officials and representatives of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA), Mr. Kaufman toured the camp and inspected health and educational services.

Mr. Kaufman, a guest of the Foreign Ministry, is due to leave Jordan on Jan. 6.

Pakistani delegation departs after talks with Crown Prince

AMMAN (J.T.) - An 18-mem- Crown Prince Hassan. ber delegation from the National Institute of Public Administration m Pesbawar, Pakistan ended a six-day visit to Jordan on Sunday and left for home.

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The delegation bad visited the Civil Service Commission and other institutions in order to acquaint themselves with Jordan's public administration system.

Before their departure on Sunday, the delegation was received at the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) by His Royal Highness

Doring the meeting Prince Hassan outlined the objectives of Jordan's Higher Council on Science and Technology, stressing the importance of exchanging the results of scientific research conducted hy Jordanian and Pakistani institutions. The Crown Prince also called for the opening of more channels for the exchange of scieotific and technological information between the two countries.

Medical union urges int'l support for Palestinian struggle

AMMAN - Dr. Hassan Khreis, general secretary of the Pan-Arab Medical Unioo, on Sunday sent cables to the secretary-general of the United Nations and leaders of international buman rights and relief organisations urging their support for the struggle of the Palestinian people hving under Israeli occupation.

Following is the text of the

Marking the end of the year 1987 as the International Year for Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Pan-Arah Medical Union calls for your most esteemed person and organisation to support hy all means Palestinian people against the Israeli military occupation and towards the realisation of their basic human rights of self-determination and national independthe recent uprising in Palestine has been faced with fascist, inhuman measures hy occupying troops. These measures resulted in the killing of tens of Palestinians and the wounding of many The repressive measures have

In the course of this struggle,

included: arresting hundreds, besieging camps by denying them water, food and medical supplies and threatening to exper many. Palestinians from their home-

We call upon you to denounce all these inhuman measures tices by some brokers which do which are taken against the laws not comply with the market's tional community.

We are sure that the will of the Palestinian people to realise their final aims will be strengthened by hy "better auditing of their (brokyour most valuable support.

Facsimile services for public AMMAN (Petra) — Arrange-Through facsimile, he exments have been made for pro-

viding electronic postal services: (facsimile) to the public as of the beginning of next month, according to Abdullah Al Jazi, secretary-general of the Ministry of Communications.

Dr. Jazi said that, initially, facsimile facilities will be installed in 15 post offices in Amman and other governorates, but that these services will gradually be provided to other areas, as well.

plained, one can send out a written message through local and international telephone networks to be received in the same form at the other end. The receiving post office will then place the message in an envelope and deliver it to its destination.

However, this process can be carried ont directly between subscribers without having to go through a post office, Dr. Jazi noted. — I.T.

Israeli soldier kills Arab housewife

(Continued from page 1) In the occupied Gaza City, protesters burned tyres and threw stones at passing cars and at the Arab shops, forcing them to close, an Arab witness said. He said some 30 Israeli troops chased the protesters and arrested about 15 of them.

The protests came after an army announcement of deporta-tion orders issued Sunday against nine Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The army described the nine as senior activists in Palestinian groups and said some were ringleaders in the re-

cent protests. The orders were issued despite appeals by U.S. officials who have said deportations violate international law and could reignite protests in the occupied terri-

On Sunday, the army decided to release without trial some 100 Palestinians who were detained during the protests. The detainees were released "after giving assurances that they would not return to their ways," the

army said in a statement. The army statement said the nine Palestinians ordered expelled - five from the West Bank and four from the Gaza Strip were "leading activists and orgahisers involved in incitement and

subversive activity..." Jordan and Egypt have vowed

to foil Israel's expulsion of Palestinians from the occupied In Amman, an official spokes-

man oo Sunday reaffirmed that Jordan would take "all necessary measures to foil the Israeli plan. In Kuwait, Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat said Sunday he had asked Egypt, Jordan and Syria to block the planned Israeliexpulsioo of nine Palestinians.

"I have asked the Egyptians, Jordanian and Syrian hrethren to close their borders to prevent Israelis from carrying out their conspiracy of deporting the Palestinians," Mr. Arafat told reporters as he left Kuwait at the end of a two-day visit.

"1 received assurances from Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon that they were determined to resist this dangerous step by not accepting any deported Palestinians," Mr. Arafat said. He did not describe the Syrian response.

The PLO has also urged Egypt on Sunday to close the Israeli

embassy in Cairo. Yasser Abed Rabdo, a PLO spokesman, also said in Tunis the PLO had formally asked the foreign ministers of the 21-member Arab League to meet to discuss Israeli action against Palestinian demonstrators in the West Bank and Gaza.



Her Majesty Queen Noor, accompanied by Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh, on Sunday presents a

diploma to and congratulates a nursing college

AFM hits record high in value of traded shares in 1987

'Plans underway to curb insider trading

By Salameh B. Ne'matt Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Amman Finan-. cial Market, which hit a record high in the value of traded shares in 1987, is in the process of adopting measures aimed at reducing insider trading in stocks and enhancing investors' confidence, the market's general manager said on Sunday.

Hashem Sabbagh told a press conference that the stock exchange has also proposed an amendment to the Jordanian Companies Law, to be introduced later to the Lower House of Parliameot, which would oblige companies to disclose their financial statements on a semiannual basis rather than through the traditional annual report.

"We need more frequent information about the companies' financial standing." Dr. Sabbagh pointed out, referring to the amendment of the companies law which, he said, has already been approved by the government. Speaking on the occasion of the

stock market's 10th anniversary, Dr. Sahhagh told reporters that the stock exchange was "asking companies to adhere to the rules in order to cut own on insider trading ... He said that the stock exchange "has done a great deal in that direction.

Dr. Sabbagh pointed to pracregulations, such as charging commission fees higher than the set percentage. He said this problem would be curtailed this year ers') hooks."

Dr. Sabbagh said the value of shares traded in the regular and parallel markets in 1987 reached an all-time high of JD 148 million compared to JD 70 million in

dustry through protectionism and its creation of foreign markets for Jordanian industrial products. He added that incentives offered by the government to local industries has encouraged investment, in addition to recent mergers and new financial policies aimed at revitalising the economy.

Dr. Sabbagh expected the new government measures, enhanced by political and economic stability, to increase Arab and foreign investments in the Kingdom's economic institutions.

He revealed that foreign (non-Arab) investment in the Amman Financial Market last year reached more than \$5 million. He said foreign interest began in late 1986 and increased in 1987. "This is an indication of the beginning of Arab and foreign capital flow towards investment in Jordan. The process appears to he accelerating," Dr. Sahbagh

Average daily trading at the stock exchange, increased from JD 19,000 in 1978 to JD 615,000 in 1987. Dr. Sabhagh said that in 1978, 11 companies floated JD 11.9 million worth of shares, compared to JD 343.9 million by: 121 companies in 1987. He said that securities floated by public institutions and companies were JD 5 miltion in value in 1978, compared to JD 114 million in 1987. In addition, development bonds rose from JD 10 million in 1978 to JD 138.5 million in 1987, thus bringing the total figures from JD 21.9 million in 1978 to JD 596.4 million in 1987.

Figures on the "secondary" market reflect a growth in activity in the past ten years, with an increase in trading from ID 5.6 that the average price-earning million in 1978 to JD 148.2 mil-ratio was one to 12.

1986. He attributed the increase in trading to the government's policy of subsidising national in-1,034.256 millioo. Outside trading rose from JD 4.1 million to JD 18.3 million in the same

> Describing the stock market in Jordan as "a market of expectation," Dr. Sabbagh said that increased trading over the last quarter was prompted hy growth in the construction and transport sectors. He said the industrial sector traded sbares amounted to JD 93 million out of the total JD 148 million. He attributed this large number to "sound government policies.'

Dr. Sabbagh pointed out that growth in the transport and construction sectors was bound to reflect positively on the banking. finance and insurance industries. He told the press conference he expected better trading in sbares

The financial market geoeral manager urged Arab investors to reconsider their investment priorities" by rechannelling their capital into the Arab World rather than foreign stock mar-kets. He said incidents such as the Oct. 19 Wall Street crash "should

provide proper incentive."

Dr. Sabbagh said that the Amman Financial Market was insulated from shocks suffered hy other international equities markets, hut that a global recession would undouhtedly effect stock markets in all developing countries. The number of Jordanian investors in the Amman Financial Market increased from 181,000 in 1978 to 611,000 in 1987.

Dr. Sabhagh said that profits on shares are exempt from taxation, that cash dividends average six per cent of share prices and

Queen Noor graduates 205 nurses; Hamzeh points to need for more nursing colleges

ing need for their services. The minister explained that Jordan

now has five nursing colleges,

three of which are run by the Ministry of Health; but the num-

ber of graduates falls short of the

Kingdom's oeeds.
Dr. Hamzeh said that in order

to eliminate this sbortage, the

country requires more oursing

colleges, as well as an institute for

training nursing instructors. He

said that the first institute of this

kind would be operational in a

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor on Sunday attended the graduation of 205 nurses from the Jordan Nursing College and other nursing institutes in the Kingdom and distributed diplomas to the graduates and special awards to those excelling in their courses.

In his opening address at the ceremony held at the Al Hussein Youth City Minister of Health Zaid Hamzeh expressed appreciation to the Queen for ber attendance at the ceremony and

ber service to Jordanian society.
Dr. Hamzeb spoke about public awareness of the importance of oursing in Jordan's bealth services system.

While be noted that there bas been an increase in the number of students studying nursing, Dr. Hamzeh emphasised that the country oeeds more nurses and midwives to cope with the grow-

few weeks. The minister also said that the Health Ministry plans to open new oursing colleges in Karak, Salt and other towns and to expand the existing colleges.

Dr. Hamzeh said that hundreds of nurses are needed to fill posts at health centres, mothers and child care centres and hospitals, and to assist in spreading health educatioo in bomes, especially oo first aid and child care.

The minister denied that the foreign nurses are given prefereoce in employment or higher wages than the local nurses and voiced appreciation to those friendly countries which supply Jordan with qualified nurses.

The ceremony was attended by a number of Parliament and Cabinet members, the wives of the prime minister and the governor of Amman, university presideots, senior Health Mioistry officials and several members of diplomatic missions, in additioo to relatives of the graduates.

Cabinet retires six senior PSD officers

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cabinet on Sunday decided to refer a number of senior Public Security Department officers to pension as of Jan. 16, 1988.

The officers are: Major-General Sami Al Saket, Major-General Issa Al Omari, Major-General Mobammad Obeidat, Major-Geoeral Abmad Ahu Al Saud, Major-General Ghaleb Al Dmour and Brigadier Mousa Suweilem Lutfi.

The Cabinet also approved the draft protocol due to be coocluded with the Italian government. Under the protocol, Italy will provide technical assistance to Jordan to help it restore the director of Employment Depart-

Also on Sunday, the Cabinet decided to renew the membership of the Jordan Industrial Estates Corporation's (JIEC) board of

The board includes: Dr. Mahdi Farhan, director-general of the Social Security Corporation; Dr. Adnan Badran, secretary-geoeral of the Higher Council of Science and Technology; Dr. Ziad Fariz, secretary-geoeral of the Ministry of Planoing; Dr. Mobammad Hourani, director-general of the Cities and Villages Development Bank: Dr. Mansour Al Otoum,

ment at the Ministry of Labour and Social Development; and Mr. Munther Al Saudi from the Pension Fund.

In addition, the Cahinet approved the appointment of Mr. Adnan Faraj from the Arab Centre for Pharmaceutical Industries to the JIEC's board of directors.

Meanwhile, the Prime Ministry on Sunday issued a circular calling on all parties concerned to support local contractors. The circular said that tenders for projects financed by foreign loans and grants should be divided into several tenders with values not exceeding JD 500,000.

Study urgesgreater safety measures to reduce occupational injuries

AMMAN (Petra) — A study conducted by the Ministry of Labour and Social Development, the Social Security Corporation and the Workers Health and Safety lostitute has recommended that all public and private sector companies and factories set up safety committees and appoint supervisors to handle occupational hazards. The study, which was designed

to estimate the cost of occupational injuries, said that safety equipment and training should be provided 10 the workers so that the number of injuries and their cost can be reduced.

Factories and companies ought to create a more convenient and safer environment for the workers, so as to belp them avoid injuries, the study noted.

According to Abdul Rahim Abdul Jaber, director of the Workers Health and Safety Institute, the study which was conducted over a period of seven months under the supervision of Mr. Abdnl Jaber, revealed that

worth

JD 100m

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Telecommunications Corporation (TCC)

will, as of February, begin float-

ing international tenders worth a

total of JD 100 million for pro-

jects designed to promote the

Kingdom's telephone services,

TCC Director-General Moham-

mad Shahed Ismail announced on

Mr. Ismail said that the private

sector will be invited to contri-

bute to the implementation of

these projects, which will be car-

ned out in stages and will cover

The projects entail installing

automatic telephone exchanges

and nearly 100 new buildings to

house the electronic equipment

By announcing international

tenders, the TCC hopes to attract

the best and most experienced

world systems, to improve per-

formance and to benefit from

591 towns and villages.

and microwave stations.

the iodirect cost of injuries sustained hy workers was JD 91,653, almost four times the direct cost of injuries estimated at JD 22,454. "This shows clearly the extent of damage done to society as a result of occupational injuries;" Mr. Abdul Jaber pointed The study suggested that all

companies and factories set up bealth ceotres or clinics to provide sufficient medical care to workers and administer first aid to those injured. Employment of physicians at these enterprises would also re-

duce the number of unemployed doctors in the Kingdom, the study said. It said that the workers should

be allowed to atteod seminars and courses oo protecting themselves from occupational injuries. The study also urged inspectors

from the Ministry of Labour and Social Development to make regular visits to the companies and factories to ensure that they abide by safety measures.

the iojured workers are young people between 25 and 29 years

old — with low incomes.

The study surveyed 4.738 workers, 170 of whom had suffered injuries on the joh. The study revealed that 22.28 per cent of the injuries affected the eyes, followed by legs and feet at 15.22

It also noted that some of the victims suffered multiple injuries due to handling equipment, falling, contact with chemical substances, fires, explosions, electric shocks or cave-ins.

Some of the injuries were in the form of bruises, fractures and burns which led to hleeding and, in some cases, to death, the study

Mr. Abdul Jaher said that the study was oeeded to determine the actual cost of the occupational injuries, which affect the productivity of companies and factories and, hence, the health of the national economy.

when we say the war, we are not only talking about the Gulf but also re-(Continued from page 1) A: The results of the summit were garding Iraq and Iran. O: In other words, the Syrian role is

very positive regarding every issue that was discussed and one of the major items was the nnified Arab position regarding the war in the Gulf. This of course implies relations between Syria and Iraq. As you know, after the summit, the propaganda attacks between the two countries ceased, there have been direct cootacts between them. We believe that matters are moving slowly but surely and in the right direction towards normalisation of relations be-

tween the two countries. Q: Wheo you speak of direct contacts, at what level are such cootacts

taking place? A: Aī various levels. As you know, a Syrian trade delegation went to Iraq. We understand there have been contacts regarding bilateral issues. I believe that such contacts are taking place at various levels, and we are sure this is going to continue hecause what was decided at the summit was decided by agreement between all Arab countries, including Syria and Iraq, and nothing has changed since then to make us believe that the determination to overcome their differences will not cootione to be so. Q: Syria seems to be engaged in some. sort of mediation effort between the Arab Gulf countries on one hand and Iran on the other. Does this fall within the acceptable limits of the newly achieved consensus on the Iran-Iraq war and will that not be an obstacle to the improvement of relations between Syria and Iraq?

A: 1 do not know if mediation is the right word. You know, there have been contacts between the Syrians and the Itanians regarding the escala-tion of the war and the situation in the Gulf and it was agreed by the summit that any contacts with Iran should not be kept secret and that the concerned Arab countries should be informed of them. And I believe what is happening now, is that our Syrian brothers are briefing the Gulf states as to the results of their contacts with the Iranians which are all focused on trying to limit the war and not expand it and not allow it to escalate, and

part of what the Arabs envisage as the effort to limit the war and to stop it. It is not something that the Syrians are doing on their own and they are not out of line?

A: There was oo Arah decisions to

ask the Syrians to dn anything in

particular, but some Arah countries still maintain relations with Iran and every Arah country is doing all it canin its own way for the joint common Arab purpose or drawing this war to an end. This of course requires a change in the Iranian position. Iraq is ready for a peaceful settlement and they have made a number of peace initiatives and they have responded positively to U.N. Security Council Resolution 598 and the Iranians so far refused to accept the implementation of that resolution. That is why we support further action by the Security Council and in impose an arms embargo on Iran or using any other means to convince the Iranians of the necessity of accepting Resolution 598 and putting an end to this war. Q: During His Majesty King Hussein's latest visit to the Soviet Union. did the Soviets indicate that they were willing to be part of an international effort that would put sanctions on Iran to get it to accept Resolution

A: The Soviet government has informed us that instructions have been issued to the Soviet permanent representative at the United Nations to commence consultations with the other members of the Security Council to agree on that action can be taken and must be taken in order to convince the Iranians that the only possible approach toward a peaceful settlement is the acceptance of U.N. Security Council Resolution 598. Q: What would you say the most important result of the King's visit to

Moscow was? A: His Majesty was invited to visit the Soviet Union. When he went, His Majesty did not only represent Jordan but also carried with him the results of the summit in Amman in his every way we can.

Rifai rejects Peres' claim of 'document of understanding' capacity as presideot of the summit. He cooveyed to the Soviet Union the unified Arah position that was arrived at in Amman. We found that the Soviet position regarding the war in the Gulf and regarding the Arab-Israeli conflict and the international peace cooference to be almost identical to the Arah! Jordanian position. Q: Does this visit signal that Jordan is drawing closer in the Soviet Union. perhaps at the expense of its relation with the United States?

A: Inrdan has always maintained very good relations with the two superpowers as well as with the other countries all over the world - in Europe, in the non-aligned world, in the Muslim countries, in Latin America and in Africa. Therefore we do not lonk at improvement of relations with one country as an event that it is oecessarily at the expense of another country. We maiotain excellent relations with the Soviet Union and we have good relations with the United

Q: Did Jordan conclude any deal with the Soviet Union to buy aircraft or any other weapons during this visit?

A: We did not conclude any deals. We discussed a variety of bilateral issues, but we did not arrive at any final agreements. Q: Lastly, there have been reports

that a joint Jordanian Egyptian force might be sent to the Gulf to help the Arab Gulf countries to defeod themselves against possible Iranian attack. Is there any truth in those reports? A: Jordao considers the security of the Gulf states as part of its security and Jordan is also a signatory to the Arab Joint Defence Pact. Of course. if we are asked to help the Gulf states in defending themselves against any attack from anywhere, we will do everything possible to help them. This has always been our position, but until this moment we have not had any request for help.

Q: However, if you did receive such a request, Jordan would be willing to send military advisors or troops or whatever is required? A: We hope the situation will not arise, but if there is such a need we

competition among international firms, Mr. Ismail said. He said that at least new 55 microwave stations will be built and an additional 219,000 telephone lines created through these will do everything possible to help in

British Airways introduces new TCC to float service for business travellers int'l tenders AMMAN — British Airways has

unveiled a major new £25 million investment aimed at enhancing its worldwide business travel pro-The airline's aim is to attract a greater number of business flyers,

its passengers and provide approximately £1 billion a year in reveoue. British Airways' entire inflight service is being reexamined to keep the airline ahead of competitors and to reinforce its posi-

who already make up a quarter of

tion as market leader in all classes of travel. The main features of Cluh World and Cluh Europe include new separate aircraft cahins, new seats on long-haul aircraft, new airport lounges and a comprehen-

sive range of other innovations. Sir Colin Marshall, chief executive of British Airways, called the multi-million pound project "a new mark of respect for business

travellers." From Jan. 5, the present Super Clnh on intercontinental routes will be superseded by Club World a service tailored to the lifestyle of the long-haul husiness

traveller in the 1990's. At the same time, services for 6,000 Cluh Class passengers every day in Europe will be radically improved with the hirth of Cluh Europe.

Seating comfort was a prime Amman.

requirement and interior layouts on almost all the airline's 166-plus aircraft are being reconfigured to offer more legroom. Fixed partitions to create separate, exclusive cabins will replace the present movable curtain dividers between Club and Economy classes on all flights. Express check-in, valet parking, swifter baggage delivery, priority reservations lines and a host of other improvements tailored to customer needs are being introduced. Target customers for Club World are the world's most frequent husiness flyers usually men in the 40's, in very senior positions and in the top one per cent of income earners. They fly on business more than 20 times a year and know what rival airlines offer.

To cater to these valued customers, design consultants went back to basics to produce an "understated, contemporary style reflecting the intelligent thoughtful nature of service," right down to the finest detail, even baggage tags. Leading young British artists were picked to illustrate menus, and inflight duty free goods include items chosen for uniqueness and looks.

British Airways will introduce Club World and Cluh Europe to its esteemed husiness clients in Jordan with a reception this afternoon at the Marriott Hotel in

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No thanks, Mr. Peres

THERE IS nhviously a veiled threat in Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' new year's remark in London to the effect that the alternative to entering into negotiations with Jurdan under United Nations auspices is to upen negotiations with the PLO, nutside the purview of the proposed international peace conference. The question is, far whom is this adminition intended? If it is directed against Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and his Likud bloc in a bid to make him burry up and engage the Arabs in negotiations under U.N. auspices, then clearly it fell nn deaf ears. Shamir and company are determined not to budge on their rejection of the international peace conference, come what may. If Peres' threat is intended for Jordan in the form of a decoy to stampede it into precipitous negotiations under the U.N. amhrella, without the presence of the PLO and the other concerned Arah parties, then it is also doomed to go nowhere.

In either scenarin, the Israeli foreign minister is using the PLO as some sort of a bogey-man to be feared hy Jurdan and Israel, and to be kept at arm's length hy both parties. Unfortunately for Peres and Shamir, and despite occasional differences of npininn among Arab parties, Jurdan is totally and clearly committed to engage in negotiations with Israel only under U.N. auspices and with the participation of the PLO and the other directly concerned Arab states. Nn amount of trickery nr semantics would make Jordan waver in its national commitment to this position, which is based on deep conviction and on the edifice of the latest Arab summit in Amman. Jordan's position is an honourable position based on Arab resolutions adupted unanimously in the heart of its own capital; nn ploy will change Jurdan's unamhigunus stand on the lawful means to address the Arab-Israeli conflict, and notably the Palestinian issue, under the aegis of the U.N. Security Council.

No thanks, Mr. Peres, for trying to drive a wedge between Jordan and the PLQ. It was not the kind of signal that we were waiting for, especially in the wake of the uprising that erupted in the West Bank and Gaza Strip last month.

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Al Ra'i: Vital talks on pan-Arab bodies

AN eight-member Arab League committee today opens a meeting in Amman to examine the conditions of pan-Arab organisations and help tidy them over their present difficulties. This meeting, to be held under the chairmanship of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, is of paramount importance because rectifying the course of these organisations means further strengthening the Arah League and giving impetus to joint Arah economic action.

The ministerial committee, chaired by the acting prime minister of Lehanon, Salim Al Hoss, groups highly skilled economic experts who are hound to help find real solutions for Arab League organisations which had been encountering financial problems and find a formula for better performance of the Arab League organisation as a whole. This step is important because it paves the way for a successful task by various Arab organisations, something which gives momentum to

It is hoped that this committee which will take three days to accomplish its mission will come up with solutions to problems and serve as an example for more and wider cooperation among various Arah institutions and the achievement of stronger solidarity within

Al Dustour: Hopes for collective action

THE acting prime minister of Lebanon, Dr. Salim Al Hoss, reflected the feelings of the Lebanese people when be said that they appreciate Jordan's stand towards the internal Lehanese conflict and His Majesty King Hussein's endeavours for finding proper solutions for their problems. Dr. Hoss, who chairs a committee entrusted with promoting the work of Arab League organisations, said the Lehanese people consider Jordan as the closest Arab country to Lebanon and

one that understands their problems in their right perspective.

The committee that meets today faces a real bard task, but meeting bere in the wake of a successful Arah summit should give it better chance for success in trying to improve the work of Arah League organisations. Promoting the work and performance of these organisations means bringing Arab states closer together through joint social and economic action which is bound to enhance solidarity among Arab states at this crucial moment.

Success achieved by these organisations would no doubt be reflected positively on the attitudes and stands of the Arab countries because these organisations had been set up to help achieve the Arab people's aspirations and strengthen the Arab League's stand.

Sawt Al Shaab: The shoe is on the other foot

THE Israeli defence minister, Yitzhak Rahin, has demanded an end to what he called "Palestinian terrorism" so that Israel could call off its plans for deporting Arab youths from their homeland for taking part in the recent anti-Israeli demonstrations. Rabin has forgotten that it is the Israeli authorities which continue to practise terrorist activity against the Palestinian people, and that Israel's atrocities have been condemned world-wide. Rabin should remember that the United Nations has repeatedly condemned Israel's annexation of Arah land and its drive to judaise Arah territory and evict Arab people from their homeland.

The international community has deplored all Israeli practices against the defenceless population in Palestine and other parts of the Arah World exposed to Israel's aggression. Rabin seems to have forgotten that the Palestinian people's lands have been usurped by his forces and that Arab territory had been annexed by force of arms and that Israeli forces continue to commit barbaric actions against the

Arab people - killing children, women and innocent people. Rahin's threats would never deter the Arab people from continuing the struggle for freedom.

1988 — a year to invest for Mideast peace

By Waleed Sadi

IF THE political and military environments projected for the Middle East in the course of the new year are still unfavourable for convening the proposed international peace conference on the Middle East, that does not mean that the parties concerned should sit tight throughout 1988 waiting for a breakthrough to occur. Rather the time provided for the parties in the year 1988 should be put to a positive interim use on the basis of which other steps and measures can be taken at a future date to be determined by the ensuing events and international and regional circumstances.

Paradoxically, any interim solution for Gaza Strip offers the first opportunity for the start of chain of events and decisions which could propel other steps and measures that in turn could accelerate the peace process in our region. A mere 300 square kilometres and very densely populated with nearly 650,000 Palestinian Arabs, the Gaza Strip has acquired the unenviable reputation of not being wanted by any state party in the Middle East. Often seen as an area heavily infested with emotionally over-charged people prone to violence to express their national aspirations, the Gaza Strip has become "ungovernable" as far as Israel is concerned. Such a "negative situation" can become the "positive situation" which could snowball into something more ambitious in terms of solutions to the occupied Arab territories.

To begin with, the status of the Gaza Strip is curiously amhiguous. Upon the termination of the British mandate over Palestine in 1948, control over that territory was transferred to Egypt, which was lockedup in a state of war with Israel till 1979 when it signed with Israel the Camp David accords. With the advent of the peace agreement, Israeli troops withdrew from

Egyptian territory but maintained its "occupation" of Gaza Strip. Yet, with the lapse of the state of war between Israel and Egypt, the political and legal status of the Gaza Strip became curious. The area is not and never was part of "Israel" as such. Furthermore, Israel does not make protestations to the effect that the Gaza Strip is part of Israel and bas not even contemplated its amnexation. Interestingly enough, there is an apparent meeting of the minds between the Likud and Labour parties in Israel on the need to keep away the inhabitants of the Gaza Strip from the main stream of Israeli body politics, especially hecause they are projected to reach the one million mark by the end of this century.

Under these circumstances, any interim solution offered to the Palestinians in the Gaza Strip could serve as an opener or catalyst for further and additional interim solutions on the long road to a complete and final resolution of the Israeli occupation of Arab territories. This is not to mention that any interim solution would provide the necessary psychological and political breakthrough that the parties in the region are anxiously waiting for. It would serve as a beacon of bope that a solution between Israel and its neighbours is prohable if not imminent. Besides, any such interim solution would be tantamount to a testing period for any other similar solutions that could be envisaged for the rest of the occupied Arah territories. A satisfactory application of any such an interim solution to the Gaza Strip would surely allay fears and suspicions on the both sides of the fence and put to rest all remnants of scepticisms about the genuine prospects for peace between the antagonists in the Middle East.

As Egypt "enjoys" peace conditions with Israel on practically fronts, it would be in order to contemplate the restoration of sta quo ante in the Gaza Strip and have this territory once again and Egyptian "trusteeship" pending the final resolution of its future, course, there will be formidable problems to surmount overcome, especially security considerations when and if such Egyptian "control" of the Gaza area is reinstituted. Most probate Egypt will be reluctant to take on this responsibility once against the price tag to this initiative would be exuberant, to say the least in view of the high stakes involved in this proposal one should be expected the international community from investing in politically and economically to make it as viable as possible. After all any such "reestablishment" of Arab control and order over all any such "reestablishment" of Arab control and order over important Arab territory as the Gaza Strip would constitute a re-"movement" in the direction of peaceful resolution of the Palestinian case and the Arab-Israeli conflict. This is not to mention the fact that any successful application of this limited and interest solution would help to diffuse the over-charged situation in the occupied Arab territories as a whole.

Should 1988 become the year of interim solutions for the occupied territories, the succeeding years could become the years of permanent solutions. It behoves all the parties concerned therefore to invest in peace in the Middle East in the course of the year 1988 by setting into motion mitiatives or schemes which could advance the process of peace in the Middle East in the most practical way. Interim solutions and piecemeal approaches to the occupied territories could be just the right course of action to pursue till the international conference is convened.

'Sabbah shows a sensitivity for the complexities of the Middle East'

ROME — On the surface, the retirement of Italian Giacomo Giuseppe Beltritti, the Latin patriarch of Jerusalem, and his replacement by a local-born appointee, Michel Sahhah of Nazareth, would seem to be in line with Vatican policy and ecumenical council directives.

At 77, the patriarch was long overdue for retirement and all over the world today, the aging, Italian-dominated ecclesiastical hierarchy is being replaced by younger priests. Roman Catholicism aims at removing any surviving association of "mission" with colonialism, and therefore prefers the "acculturation" of religion through the creation of locally staffed church positions, from top to bottom.

The Vatican is thus correct in stating that "not political but religious and pastoral considerations" are behind the nomination of Monsignor Sabhah. This, however, does not contradict or exclude other equally important

Vatican observers have noted that the timing of this appoint- with Italian and foreign journalment to coincide with Arab un-rest in Israel and in the territories wednesday, the new appointee is significant. "It would have been easy to delay the appointment for a few months," writes scene. He has come for his inthe Vatican correspondent for IL stallation ceremony that will take Giornale Nuovo.

"It is therefore legitimate to see in the Vatican's decision a confirmation of its position on the

right of Palestinians to have a land of their own."

Another consideration is the Vatican's long-standing need for a valid Catholic mediator in the Arah world. Hilarion Capucci, the Catholic Melchite bishop imprisoned in Jerusalem for armsrunning for the PLO and released following a personal request hy Pope Paul VI in 1977, has, says II Giornale "...rightly or wrongly, up to now, assumed the popularly attributed role of representing the Palestinian Catholics... in an anti-Israel key.'

There are signs that even the Vatican has come to feel that Capucci's excessive political activism (constantly belying the Vatican's promise to Israel in 1977 that he would be relegated to purely pastoral duties) bas disqualified him in the role of mediator.

In Sabbah, the Vatican has acquired a spokesman and mediator of entirely different sta-ture for the Middle East, and a point of reference for Arab Catholics. In talks he has had shows a sensitivity regarding the complexities of the Middle East place on Epiphany, January 6, at St. Peter's.

The national Catholic daily, Avaticanenire, this week pub-

ful but ... with the other Christian confessions and other religions as well. The local populations are mostly Jewish and Muslim, From a strictly religious point of view, relations are very good, taking the form of highest respect; but it is mevitable for one to ship from the religious level to the political, since we are speaking of a state

Asked to specify some political problems, he replied that he preferred not to because "things get very complicated. At the most, I can say that this region suffers from a lack of peace. My hope is that men of good faith will col-laborate to achieve peace. Up to now they have not done so.

religion.

Capucci - wbom Sabbah bas, at least up to now, not visited is staging a bunger strike, consuming only a glass of water and a received, and 10 days later, Sab-glass of milk per day, at the hah's nomination was Rome headquarters of the Arah announced.

pated, along with a 50-person delegation including 11 Arah stration at St. Peter's Square during the pope's Sunday general audience. The pope, referring to "that land where Jesus was born" said "that land cannot continue to be a theatre of violence, of contrast and injustice, with suffering for those populations to whom I feel particularly close. Let us turn Palestinian question. It is well lished an interview in which Sab-known that the Holy See declares bah speaks of the many levels of the parties involved and whoever itself favourably disposed to the religious relations existing in is capable of collaborating will



Michel Sabhah

put an end to this violence." Capucci, that day, announced he "hoped to be received by Mgr. Achille Silvestrini, secretary of

the Vatican's Council for Public Affairs." He was, however, not

Capucci continues to make On December 20, he partici- statements to the press. His hunger strike is based on the statement "that thousands of my ambassadors and a PLO repre- Palestinian brothers have been sentation in an anti-Israel demon- arrested and put into concentra- exports that finance Tehran's war tion camps surrounded by barbed wire, just like what bappened in the Auschwitz concentration camp, left in the cold, in the rain, without any rights. This violence

and this repression must cease." Sabbah's approach is less outspoken. He said he had followed recent events in Israel by watching television in Amman, and "suffered for my Palestinian brothers" - The Jerusalem Post.

Iran and Iraq take heaviest toll of Gulf shipping in 1987

BAHRAIN (R) — Iran and Iraq, machineguns and rocket-prop-deadlocked on the battlefield, elled grenudes. turned the Gulf into the most dangerous stretch of water in the world in 1987 and wreaked their heaviest toll on merchant ship-

The two sides hit at least 178 vessels and killed 108 seamen during the year in the most sustained and savage attacks on shipping in the seven-year-long Gulf conflict. Lloyd's shipping agents of Lon-don reported 34 vessels attacked

in December, the worst month in the tunit was. "At this rate, we won't have too

many ships left in the Gulf," said one regional shipping source. "It's getting very nasty and very bloody."
In 1986, the toll was 80 ships hit

and 52 sailors killed. Altogether against Iran's shuttle tanker fleet tanker.

Iran has been retaliating against neutral shipping because Iraq no reflagged with the U.S. flag tn longer exports its oil through deter Iranian attacks.

trying to ferry oil out of the Gulf

longer exports its oil through waterway, dubbed "missile alley." Iraq pipes most of its oil out through Turkey and Saudi Arabia.

several times. The world's largest Giant used by Iran as a storage

The last confirmed attack was

on Christmas night, when an Ira-

nian boat sprayed bullets into the.

20.467-tonne Saudi tanker Nejmat :

Al Petro' just off the United Arab:

Iraq reported three strikes

along the Iranian coast in the

closing few days of 1987, but no.

hits were confirmed by indepen-

dent shipping sources. Some ships have been attacked

elled grenudes.

Emirates.

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vessel at the mouth of the gulf. was hit by Iraqi jets in October, and again in December. Foreign casualties were not confined to merchant fleets. The U.S. frigate Stark was

Lloyd's tallied 447 ships damaged attacked by an Iraqi jet on may 17 in hospilities since the war spilled tand 35 American sailors died ; over into the sealanes in May when an Exocet missile struck. home. The Iraqis said their pilot: Iraq has been flying air strikes mistook the warship for an Iranian.

The incident internationalised in a determined bid to choke off the conflict and led to a major. Gulf. In July, American warships : started escorting Kuwaiti tankers

The start of the escort opera-. tions led to a rash of mines in the shipping lanes. Kuwait and the United States accused Iran of Iran's gunboats come up along-side tankers and cargo ships, rak-ing them at point-hlank range with

United States accused Iran of laving the mines, which damaged at least seven ships.

Pretoria's all-out restrictions fail to stifle black and white anti-apartheid voices

By David Crary The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — An expanding array of laws and emergency regulations restricts dissent in South Africa, but opponents of the government still find ways to make their feelings known.

Theatre companies stage hardhitting protest plays, political cartoonists ridicule the president, clergymen pray for detainees at Christmas services, black

township residents withhold rent. The government, which has jailed thousands of its opponents and outlawed many forms of pro-test, says it believes in the concept of free speech but will not tolerate calls for overthrow of the existing political system.

Home Affairs Minister Stoffel Botha, in charge of censorship and press regulations, said recently that total freedom of expression could be dangerous because many blacks were "exceedingly vulnerable to simplistic ideology, agitation and inflamma-

Regulations imposed under the 18-month-old state of emergency prohibit calls for consumer boycotts, civil disobedience and various other forms of protest.

Other laws restrict reporting about the security forces, bar a range of "subversive" statements, require permission to hold outdoor meetings, and allow government censors to ban publications, films, plays and songs.

But to those with sufficient determination and imagination, ontlets for dissent remain. Among them:

the law and order ministry, which activists depict as tacit admissions of improper police conduct. Even when the suits fail, court proceedings provide a forum for witnesses to publicize accusations against authorities with full im-

- The arts. Although censors ban many works, there is still room for strong protest. A book called "Two Dogs and Freedom" contains drawings, by black chil-dren, of soldiers firing at township residents. A song hy white rock star Johnny Clegg salutes activists who died in detention. A play last month at Johanneshurg's biggest theater complex, "Yon Can't Stop the Revolution," included graphic film footage of victims of alleged police brutality.

- Campus protest. Increasingly, the predominantly white, English-speaking universities have become centres of anti-government, anti-apartheid activity, including occasional clashes between students and police. In October, 20,000 students and faculty at five campuses demonstrated against new regulations which threaten to reduce government subsidies to the schools unless administrators curtail dis-

- The press. The major English-language newspapers, although condemned by some militants as pro-capitalist and overly cautious, often run editoassailing the government and

the so-called alternative press, which includes the Weekly Mail. produced primarily by whites, and several publications edited by and oriented toward blacks.

- Churches. Several major denominations, including the Roman Catholic, Anglican and Methodist churches, are at the forefront of the anti-apartheid campaign and often bold services with strong political messages.
Church leaders like Anglican
Archhishop Desmond Tutu, a black, the Rev. Allan Boesak, the mixed-race president of World Alliance of Reformed Churches, and the Rev. Peter Storey, a white who formerly headed the Methodist Church. are well-known abroad and willing to say things that might land

less prominent people in jail.

— Strikes and boycotts. Militant black unions have made clear that they view strikes as a form of political protest, even though labour laws technically limit strikes to workplace disputes. The ongoing rent boycott, although illegal, has spread to dozens of black townships since its start in September 1984 and has cost local authorities as much as \$300 million. Activists say the boycott will continue until the government frees political prisoners and opens negotiations to give full political rights to the voteless black majority.

- Publicity campaigns. Sometimes risking government wrath, rials and letters from readers opposition groups can make themselves heard through press

— The courts. Suits filed urging bolder racial reforms. releases and news conferences. Even more aggressive, despite Statements from the United duce out-of-court payments from government threats of closure, is anti-spartheid coalition, appear regularly but no longer are signed. Its two chief spokesmen have been jailed.

> One effective campaign was spearheaded by the Detainees Parents Support Committee, a multiracial group, in an effort to win release of detained black children. The campaign won widespread support abroad, and the government, although de-nying that it bowed to pressure, has freed virtually all detainees under 17 years old.

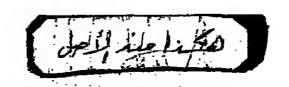
Draft resistance. White men face jail terms if they refuse to serve in the military. The government no longer discloses statistics on draft resisters, but those who are prosecuted sometimes speak out against conscription and the deployment of troops in black inwaships. Ivan Tams, a doctor who served in the army for two years but has refused to report for subsequent training camps, said after his arrest in November: "One has to make a stand in a civil war. One has to take sides."

- Satire. The country's bestknown satirist, Pieter-Dirk Uys, built his reputation through stage revues that lampooned President P.W. Bntha, among other targets. Trying a new tactic, Uys recently published a collection of excerpts from Botha's speeches.

One sample: "Where in the whole wide world can you find a more just society than South Africa has?"

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Jordan gallops ahead with thoroughbreds

By Monika Warich

Special to the Jordan Times THE BEDOUIN tradition of keeping a horse "in the family" is still alive in parts of Jordan hut with the automobile gaining ground, even in the very remote areas, the number of horses here has been dwindling rapidly.

However, five new studs and oce riding cloh were opened in the country between 1980 and 1984. "This is surely part of a general tendeocy to revive and cultivate the national heritage and culture," says Mohei Eddin Qandour, owner of the Kaharda Stud and Jordan Turf Club which were established in 1982.

Endeavours to preserve and enhance the Arab horse in Jordan date back to the 1940s when first efforts to save the purebred horse and to restart a stud were made by the late King Ahdullah, who founded the Royal Jordanian Stables and Stud (RJSS).

"The main aim of the RJSS is to preserve the purebred Arab horse in Jordan," says His Majesty King Hussein's daughter Princess Alia who has been managing the stud with its 65 registered Arab borses for some years now.

In the stud's early years, the Princess relates, it was quite difficult to trace the few Arab horses left, who, with their owners, had been widely scattered after the political turmoils in the region before Jordan gained independ**e**nce in 1946.

Gazella, one of their first breeding mares, was discovered when she was ploughing a field by the roadside by Mr. and Mrs. Lopez, a couple from Gibraltar who at the time were building up the stud, Princess Alia recalls.

The white mare, though meagre and overworked, immediately struck them as a very fice Arah purebred. That was in 1960 and the three year old horse was bought. She subsequeotly produced a great number of fowls and today her beautiful white soo Abdullah is one of the stud's most valuable horses.

The work of the RJSS is very important because the traditional hreeding of pure Arabs is dying out. Her Royal Highness says. Today, the Bedouins of Bahrain and Oman are probably the only ones who cootinue the purebred Arah traditioo in the customary





way within the Arab World. Horses in Jordan are mostly bred for racing or showjumping and mixbreeds are preferred be-

cause they are faster and can jump higher than purchied Arabs. Princess Alia explained. But in spite of all that the features and the character of the Arah horse are still cherished by the modern Jordanians and indeed have found lovers all over the world. In Great Britain, Germany, France, the Soviet Union, Spain and the USA, to name just a few, there are oumerous private

Arah horse breeding.

The Arab horse above all is praised for its ootstanding beauty; A compact, short body, tail set high on the back, small ears, big low-set eyes with luscious eyelashes, large round jaws and

and state studs specialising in

small nozzles are all believed to make the perfect Arab. They are also thought to be more attached to human beings than other breeds, Princess Alia added.

Some of them eveo became famous like "Al Mokhaladah" (the Immortal), Prophet Mohammad's mare.

Tradition has it that the Prophet, who was a great lover of horses, once let a flock of mares without drink for several days. Theo he opened the paddock. calling each one by ber oame, and almost all raced towards the water. Only five mares pricked their ears when they were called and came to him — Kuheila, Saklawia. Dahma, Ahiah aod Shweimah. These names are today still used all over the world to denote the five main lines (Alk Hamsa) within the breed.

The Arab horses' origin in itself is not completely clear, but they are believed to have first been hred in the Yemen and the Arahian Peninsula, and that prohably dates back over 5,000 years, says Princess Alia. The relatively small, slightly

built horses bave enormous endurance and strength due to the dense structure of their bones. Cross country and loog distance rides are coosequently their strong points. They also make good mounts for people not necessarily aiming at winning competitions and are often more comfortable to ride hecause of their light cooformation and smaller size than larger breeds.

But in any case no one should ride without the proper training and instruction for the sake of both rider and horse; and chil-

dren in particular should always he supervised while dealing with horses or ponies, Mr. Qandour emphasised. He is training young Jordanians at the premises of the Jordan Turf Club with the aim of during the coming ten years formiog a Jordanian team to take part in international competitions, with the help of two English instructors to arrive early in

Horseriding as a modern sport has been developing only recently in Jordan. The first ridiog club in the country was opened in 1983, but most of its 90 horses are Arah mixbreeds and the style of riding is defioitely European.

In the cluh's first years almost all active members were European or American, most of them expatriates, now the majority of the riders are Arab, says the club's owner Hani Bisharat.

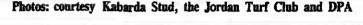
Mr. Bisharat personally grew up with horses which his grandfather and father used to breed. but the yonog Jordanians now joining the riding club have no such background and are almost ail total newcomers to the sport.

Princess Alia thinks it is very encouraging for ber to see that, through their contact with Arab horses as breeders or sportsmen, many people all over the world bave become genuinely interested in the Arab countries,

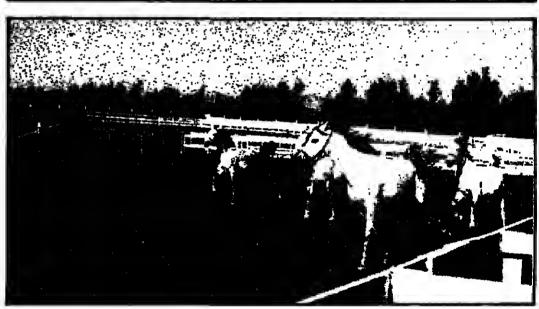
their people and history. International recognition of the ork of the KJSS came in the lat 1970s when RJSS joined the World Arah Horse Organisation (WAHO) based in England. The studbood was opened in 1980. Most Arab countries bave now achieved the WAHO mem-

Bot the country with the largest Arab horse breeding programmes is still the United States, and it is big business there. Prime stallions have been known to fetch up to \$5 million there, says Mr. Qandour, while prices in Jordan with about JD 5,000 for a (registered) mare and JD 3,500 for a colt are comparatively moderate, he

In Jordan there are presently about 100 horses registered with the WAHO, 65 at the RJSS and 21 at the Kaharda Stud, which means that they can be used for breeding and also take part in international Arab horse shows.









Foetal organ transplants spark hope, clash over ethics

By Christopher Hanson

WASHINGTON — Imagine this: A woman whose father is senile has herself artificially inseminated with his sperm. She becomes pregnant and, according to plan, has an abortion several months later.

From the dead foetus doctors transplant cells that secrete a memory-enhancing chemical into the father's brain.

His ability to learn and remember improves markedly. The tissue match is ideal due to

genetic similarities and there is little danger of his body rejecting the cells. This hypothetical case sounds

as if it came from a macabre science-fiction novel, but scientists say recent experimental advances may make such a scenario feasible before long.

The very possibility has sparked a debate over medical

Researchers have been transplanting tissue from dead foetuses — thus far obtained from remaine abortions — in tests aimed at helping victims of Parkinson's disease. Alzheimer's disease, dipetes and other ail-

Scientists say this research is promising and the potential benefits could be incalculable. "Growing foetuses for spare

parts - I think it can be done. It's not a technical question, it's a moral question," Dr. Antonin Scommengna, who heads obstetrics and gynecology at Chicago's Michael Reese Hospital, said in an interview.

Jeremey Rifkin of the Liberal Foundation on Economic Trends lobby group says that unless this work is tightly regulated it risks ushering in a brave new world where babies are "farmed" to die, their organs harvested like

Although the foetuses made available to researchers have come only from abortions done independently, critics fear the day could be coming when they are specifically conceived and aborted for experimental pur-

"Potential uses of foetal tissue make the temptation to conceive with the intent to abort almost inevitable," said biotechnology expert Emanuel Thorne, co-author of a U.S. congressional study of an emerging human tissue in-

Dr. John Fletcher, a former National Institute of Health official who heads the University of Virginia's biomedical ethics department, told Renters of a recent case in which a mother proposed becoming pregnant so the unhorn child's bone marrow could be transplanted into her one-year-old son, who could oot survive without a transplant of compatible bone marrow.

In another case, he said, a mother of an eight-year-old dying of kidney failure suggested that she become pregnant and have an abortion so a kidney could be transplanted into the boy.

Arthur Caplan, a medical ethics specialist at the University of Minnesota, cited a case in which a woman with severe diabetes wanted to abort and use pancreas cells from her unborn child for transplants to help her condition.

Another woman proposed being artificially inseminated with the seed of her father, an Alzheimer's victim, so genetically matched foetal cells could be used to treat him.

In each case, these experts said, doctors rejected the idea as methical and medically unsound.

"We don't want a situation wbere we end any human life solely to benefit others," Caplan said in an interview.

Laws could be passed to prohibit conceiving children simply for use in organ transplants, but Throne said enforcement might be

difficult: "What is illegal in the United States might not be illegal in another country.

"A transplant industry based upon foetal tissne technology could dwarf the present organ transplant industry.

Abortion foes object even to using foetuses from routine abortions for transplant research.

"Transplant organs must be very fresh, which requires close cooperation between the (abortionist) and the doctor harvesting the organ," said Donglas Johnson of the National Right to Life Committee, a private lobby

A foetus must be certified dead before organs are taken, but Johnson said it was often an open question whether the foetus was really dead, even if it were declared to be.

Doctors conducting the research say the foetuses in each case are dead before transplants

Fletcher says the hope of barvesting organs must never influence the method chosen for an abortion but that such a restriction would create a medical conflict: Organ experiments require that a foctus be delivered whole. but it is generally better for the mother if a foetus is hroken apart in the womb.





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Czech sports chief hints at taking part in Seoul games

Mandlikova denies reports about joining games with Czech team

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — Czechoslovakia's sports chief said in a radio interview that the country's national team would take part in the Summer Olympic Games in Seoul, although no official decision has been made.

Antonin Himl said that he was "convinced we will go to the Olympic games.'

Meanwhile, Czech-born tennis star Hana Mandlikova denied reports that she would compete for Czechoslovakia in the games.

In an interview with Czechoslovak radio Saturday night, Himl said Czechoslovakia wanted to have its athletes participate in about 15 events.

Hungary and East Germany

announced last month that they would take part in the Seoul Olympics, becoming the first East Bloc countries to do so.

Communist North Korea has threatened to call for a boycott of the games if South Korea refuses to co-host the event and there had heen concern that the Soviet Union and its East Bloc allies would refuse to attend.

The Czechoslovak Olympic Committee is to announce a final

water cannon used to break up soccer riot NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — A referee's last minute victorydecision Jan. 15 at a joint session

with the Central Committee of spelling penalty decision has the Union of Physical Education. sparked off a soccer riot that A Soviet official has said Mosforced police to use tear gas and cow will also reach a final deciwater cannon to restore order. sion by Jan. 15. The deadline for

Tear gas,

A police statement said at least 13 people were taken to hospital with injuries.

Saturday's game hetween Apoel and Nicosia and Ael of Limassol was a goalless draw until the referee gave a penalty when an Ael defender stopped the hall with his hand in the very

last minute of play.

The resulting kick gave Apoel
a 1-0 victory and the lead in the hotly contested championship. previously held by Ael.

OAKLAND, California (AP) -

Larry Bird had 41 points and 10 rebounds, leading Boston's domi-

nating front line, as the Celtics

defeated the Golden State War-

riors 115-110 Saturday night.
Bird, forward Kevin McHale

and Robert Parish combined for

90 points and 31 rebounds for the

Celtics. Parish had 23 points and 12 rebounds and McHale finished

with 26 points and nine rehounds

Terry Teagle scored 22 points

and Ralph Sampson had 18 points and 12 rebounds for the War-

for the Celtics.

NBA ROUND-UP

Another Jordan an stroller hats the road

By Nermeen Murad Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - The round-theglobe trot fever has hit yet another Jordanian. Khamis Abu Al Dahah, a young athlete, on Sunday embarked on a tour of the world on foot through which be bopes to spread the message of love and peace. This is the second such trip undertaken by a Jorda-

The 22-year-old Iordanian, who started his tour from the Parliament's courtyard, told the Jordan Times that his decision to walk around the world. is a result of his "national pride in my country and the Arab Nation.

His tour is divided into four different legs, the first one is a tour around the city of Amman which will take four days while the second part is touring the main cities of Jordan in which he will be accompanied by another



ABU AB DAHAB holds aloft a banner at the Comment courtyard fore kicking off on his mission. Parliament Secretary General Hani Khair sees him off (Petra photo)

Jordania athlete. Walid

Mohamma.

In the fird leg of his tour, which will ake him to the Arab World. Enamis hopes to be accompanied by a Jordanian

female athlete where he did not name and the final part will be a tour of the rest of the world.

According to the comp adventurer, one of the paramount aims of his trip is to. Seattrate "the all than the comp and
bright image of Jordan." For these purpose he is carrying with him a picture of His Majesty King Mossein. a miniature model of a Royal Jordanian airliner and illustrated leaflets of Jordan pro-

vided by the Ministry of Tourism Mr. Abu Al Dabab, however. is not the Jordanian forerunder to undertake such a trek. Walid Amavieh was reported on Dec. 15 to have crossed the Seedi

borders on the second leg of his six year tour of the world.

A 31-year-old Syrian. Ahmad Mohammad Juballi, who is enrently touring the world with an aim of walking 90,000 km through 132 countries until be reaches Hiroshima in Japan, has already reached Rome where hereportedly delivered a message of peace to the Pope.

Seeing Mr. Abu Al Dahab off was Parliament Secretary General Hani Khair and his Deputy

Everton's chances for E.L. title remained slim

LONDON (R) — Champions makers. Everton gave a pedigree performance to beat second-placed Nottingham Forest 1-0 in the English Soccer League on Sunday, a 14th-minute goal by Wayne Clarke deciding the contest.

Even so, Everton's chances of retaining the title remain at best slender. They moved from seventh to fifth place with their ninth win in 12 home First-Division matches this season hut are 16 points behind leaders Liverpool having played two more

Forest, meanwhile, have now played 22 games, the same as Liverpool, and are 13 points behind the championship pace-

ADELAIDE. Australia (AP) —

Mark Woodforde overpowered

top-seeded fellow Australian

Wally Masur 6-2, 6-4 Sunday to win the \$93,400 South Australian

Open tennis championship at

Third-seeded Woodforde, playing in front of his hometown

crowd, took just 69 minutes to

defeat Masur, the defending

Woodforde, 22, collected the

second major title of his career.

He won the New Zealand Open

The lefthander, ranked 67th in

the world, was too strong for

Masur and was in control

throughout after romping through the first set in just 32

Woodforde served well and

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Memorial Drive Courts.

Everton's winning goal developed on the left. Full-back Pat

van Den Hauwe crossed from the touch line and Trevor Steven, at the near post, headed on for Clarke to drive the ball home with another header.

Thereafter the young Forest side gave plenty of evidence of their great potential hut had to. accept that, on the day at least, they were inferior to their more seasoned rivals.

Everton's poor finishing, a rethem winning more easily. In a half, Steven, Dave Watson and tom three places.

Shriver outpowers Novotna for women's classic crown

Masur had no real weapon and

Woodforde had lost his only

previous meeting with 24-year-

The Nahisco Grand Prix event,

which was played on a synthetic

rebound ace surface, was a warm-

up event for the \$1.9 million

Australian Open, which is sche-

duled for Jan. 11-24 in Mel-

two tie-hreaks to capture the

Women's Tennis Classic with a

7-6, (8-6), 7-6, (7-4) will over

Czechoslovak teenag. Jana

Novotna on Sunday, then

The 25-year-old Am rican said

threatened never to return.

Meanwhile, Pam Shriver won

his timing was out.

bourne.

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quickly got into a good rhythm, later that with the grass courts at the Milton Tennis centre, Bris-

1an Snodin all missed good

acceptance is Jan. 17.

Czech press reports on Satur-

day quoted Mandlikova's father

as saying the 25-year-old, ranked

fifth in the world, would compete

for Czechoslovakia if the country

enters the games.
But Mandlikova, who became

an Australian citizen on Jan. 1, said through the Women's Inter-

national Tennis Association that

she would not play for Czechoslo-

vakia and she said her father

denied having made such a state-

The victory meant Everton took three points from their two New Year holiday fixtures, having lost the other 1-0 to Sheffield Wednesday. Liverpool played only once over the holiday, their match at Derhy on Saturday having been postponed after they defeated Coventry 4-0 on Friday to extend their unheaten start to the season to 22 games.

In a second First-Division curring feature of their perform- match on Sunday. Portsmouth tion when they won 2-0 at South-

ances this season, prevented hoosted their fight against relegathree-minute spell in the second ampton to move out of the bot-Woodforde takes tennis title

hane, Australia, set to change,

ace variety to match those at the

new national tennis centre in

Melbourne, she probably won't

there's no reason I would play

here," she said. "I like to touch

base on a surface that the world's

greatest tournament (Wimble-

don) is going to be played on six

saved her against Novotna, who

had four set points at 6-2 in the

first set tiebreak which turned on

a puzzling foot fault call and a

Novotna was foot faulted for the first time in her life when she

served at 6-2 in the tie-hreak.

then serving again at 6-5 she was stopped as amhulance officers

carried out a prostrate spectator.

Novotna earned a code viola-

"She's hetter, she has a lot of

experience," Novotna said. "On

one hand, I'm sad because 1

should have won. But it's our

third match now. Each time it's

been closer and next time 1 will

tion for throwing her racket but

later she was smiling again.

months later.

fainting spectator.

"I think if it's rehound ace,

probably to the synthetic rehound

Bird scored 18 points in the first quarter and Parish added 12 as Boston took a 39-29 lead. Teagle came off the hench for 13 points in the second period, leading a Warriors' rally that gave them a 62-60 halftime edge. McHale had 10 points in the

third quarter, including a sbort jumper with 3:53 left that put the Celtics ahead to stay at 83-82.

Sonics 116, 76ers 114

In Seattle, Dale Ellis hit a 3-point shot with four seconds left, lifting the Seattle Supersonics to their 10th straight home victory, 116-114 over the Philadelphia 76ers. Ellis scored 32 points and

Shriver admitted a lot of luck | Xavier McDaniel had 35 points and 11 rebounds as Seattle handed the 76ers their fifth straight

Charles Barkley led Philadelphia with 34 points and Roy Hinson added 22 as the 76ers lost by a hasket for the second night in a row. They lost 127-125 to Portland on Friday on a buzzer-beating layup by Clyde Drexler.
With 1:25 left in the game, a

free throw hy Ellis gave Seattle a 112-109 lead, but Barkley followed with a 20-footer with 30 seconds remaining, cutting the deficit to one.

Philadelphia took the lead at 113-112 on Barkley's hank shot with eight seconds left. He was fouled on the play and hit the free throw for a two-point advantage.

After a timeout, Ellis took the inbounds pass from halfcourt and hit the game-winning 3-pointer over two Philadelphia defenders. Derrick McKey completed the scoring with a free throw for

Rockets 111, Bullets 100

In Landover, Maryland, Rodney McCray and Akeem Ola-juwon led a 17-2 run in the first quarter that lifted the Houston Rockets to a 111-100 NBA victory over the Washington Bullets

111-100 Saturday night.
The win was the third straight on the road for the Rockets. who concluded a four-game road trip. The Bullets have lost five consecutive games, four of them at

McCray scored seven points and Olajuwon six of his teamhigh 18 during the spurt that gave Houston a 21-8 lead with 4:21 remaining in the first period. The Rockets led 31-18 after one quarter. 57-40 at halftime and 85-62 going to the final period.

Sleepy Floyd and Joe Barry Carroll, the players acquired in the Dec. 12 trade for Ralph Sampson, each scored 16 points for the Rockets. Purvis Short also had 16 points, while McCray finished with 15.

Bernard King led the Bullets with 26 points, 12 of them in the fourth period. Mark Alarie had ple-double of his career and first 18 points, 14 in the final quarter, since March 18, 1985.

Nuggets 151, Pistons 142

In Pontiac, Michigan, Alex En- away from home this season, glish scored 34 points, including a outscored the Bulls 26-23 in the crucial three-point play with 1:30 left, and reserve forward Jay Vincent added 30, leading the Denver Nuggets to a 151-142 NBA vic-tory over the Detroit Pistons

Saturday night. Isiah Thomas had 40 points and 17 assists for the Pistons, who had won 11 of their previous 12

Leading 80-70 at halftime, the

The Auggets led 115-106 at the end prince quarters, hut De-troit's innie Johnson scored 12 of his 24 points in the final period helping the Pistons get as close is 139-137 with 1:48 left.

Sonics edge 76ers; Rockets blitz Bullets and Warriors downed

English then hit a short jumper, was fouled by Adrian Dant-ley, and converted the free throw to put the Nuggets ahead 142-137 with 1:30 left and the Pistons

newing threatened again.

Deliver trailed 40-35 after the first quarter, but Blair Rasmussen but the Nuggets ahead with 17 of his 23 points in the secood quarter.
The Pistons, the second highest

scoring team in the NBA behind the Nuggets, lost for the second straight time at home after winning 10 consecutive games at the Postiac Silverdome.

Bells 116, Nets 93

n Chicago, Dave Corzine and n Paxson came off the bench omhine for 22 points during a second-quarter spurt and thael Jordan had 25 points. 10 ounds and 10 assists Saturday ht as the Chicago Bulls ended five-game losing streak with a 6-93 victory over the New

The Nets. who bave lost 19 straight on the road since last March 18, including 11 in a row first quarter, with Mike Gminski scoring eight of his 21 points.

At the start of the second quarter. Corzine and Paxson replaced Mike Brown, starting his first game at centre, and Rory Sparrow. Paxson had started all previous Bulls' games, while Cor-zine had started more than half.

Hitting on 12 of their first 13 shots from the floor, the Bulls Nuggets built their largest lead, took charge as Corzine hit five of

96-79 two free throws hy Danny Schayes with 7:56 left in the third quarter.

five shots and Paxson aix of seven as Chicago opened 48-32 advantage.

After grahhing a 57-42 halftime lead on the strength of a 62 per cent second-quarter shooting spree (16-26), Chicago opened a 66-46 hulge with \$20 left in the

With Brad Sellers scoring eight of his 14 points in the third quarter, the Nets trailed 72-54 going into the fourth period.

New Jersey. led by reserve

guard Dennis Hopson, cut the deficit to 78-68. But Horace Grant, with three sam dunks and a free throw, and Jordan, with a pair of slam dunks, helped Chicago to a 98-76 advantage with 7:11 left.

Pacers 99, Bucks 97

In Milwaukee, Chuck Person scored 22 points and the Indiana Pacers held off a late charge to beat the Milwaukee Bucks 99-97. Person scored only three points

in the fourth quarter, but his two free throws with 1:29 left gave Indiana its higgest lead at 99-91. The Bucks scored the next six

points on haskets by Craig Hodges, Jerry Reynolds and Terry Cummings to make it 99-97 with 33 seconds remaining. Indiana's Vern Fleming was

called for travelling with 12 seconds left when Jack Sikma blocked his move to the basket. After a Bucks timeout, Paul Pressey inhounded the ball at

halfcourt to Sikma, whose shot bounced off the rim. Person grabbed the rehound and held onto the ball as time expired. Steve Stipanovich added 17

points for the Pacers, including 11 in the third quarter. Cummings and Pressey led the Bucks with 16 points each.

The Pacers led 79-78 after three quarters after Stipanovich scored nine points in the final three minutes. .

Mavericks 116, Spurs 109

In San Antonio, Texas, Mark Aguirre scored 23 points and reserve forward Detlef Schrempf came off the bench to score 12 of his season-high in the final period, leading the Dallas Mavericks to a 116-109 victory over the San Antonio Spurs Saturday

The Mavericks, who snapped the Spurs' 11-game homecourt winning streak, pulled ahead 112-109 on Aguirre's 3-point goal with 1:30 to go in the game. San Antonio didn't score in the final

Walter Berry led the Spurs with 28 points. Alvin Robertson added 21 and Johnny Dawkins

Robertson's steal and drive with 1:51 to go gave the Spurs their final lead, 109-107.

San Antonio blew a chance to tie with 17 seconds to go. Schrempf missed two free throws, but the rebound went long and Derek Harper grabbed the ball before being fouled by Green-

Harper made both free throws to make the score 114-109 with nine seconds to go.
The Spurs led 57-51 at half-

time, but their lead dwindled to 88-87 at the end of the third

Kings 107, Utah 105

In Sacramento, California, Reggie Theus hit a 17-foot jumper at the buzzer, giving the Sacramento Kings a 107-105 win over the Utah Jazz.

Theus scored a season-high 36 points to lead the Kings. Otis Thorpe added 18 points and 12 rebounds as Sacramento snapped

a three-game losing streak. Karl Malone topped Utah with 26 points and 11 rebounds, while John Stockton added 21 points and 19 assists, the high in the NBA this season. He has 37 assists in his last two games.

Sacramento led 105-104 with 14 seconds left when Malone stole a pass. Four seconds later. Stockton went to the line after being fouled on a layup attempt.

Stockton hit the first shot to tie

the score 105-105, but missed the second. allowing the Kings' Joe Kleine to grah the rebound.

Kleine's 12th rebound of the game led to Theus' hasket 10 seconds later.

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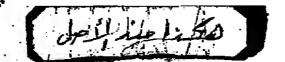
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Scheme for common Gulf Arab Mulroney, Reagan sign free trade agreement currencies loses momentum

BAHRAIN (R) - An ambitious met in Saudi Arabia last week for proper peg for their currencies. scheme for a unified currency system among six Gulf states has run out of steam, with leaders reluctant to sever a traditional link to the dollar and turn their back on Washington, bankers said on Sunday.

Moderate Gulf states appear to have decided now would be the wrong time to act as the United States lobbies hard for an end to the Gulf war and its navy protects Kuwaiti oil tankers from Iranian attack in the waterway's dangerous shipping lanes.

"Leaders seem to have decided there was little to gain politically from turning their back on the dollar," said one Gulf-based banker. "It would give the wrong

The plan to bring together the six states' currencies within a common framework, based loosely on the successful European Monetary System (EMS), was widely discussed during 1987 and detailed technical models were formulated.

A key point would have been to break with a close link to the dollar and instead create a peg to a basket of currencies reflecting the trading patterns of the six states more closely.

But when the six leaders of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)

HAVANA (R) — President

Fidel Castro, relying on his per-

sonal blend of charisma and

popularity, bas prepared Cubans

for the idea that 1988 will mean

more belt-tightening, hard work

"Only Fidel, nobody else,

could announce more hardships

ahead, get away with it, and

probably genuinely convince the

majority that there is no other

way," a Western diplomat said.

In a string of public speeches

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may be so worried or otherwise preoccupied this morning with a family difficulty that you will delay other important matters. As the day moves on, though, you'll find a sensible solution.

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your exceed energy constructively today. Drive with great care. TAUBUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Be

sure to avoid extravagance of any kind today, and take great care that

kind today, and take great eare that you don't renege on a promise. Concentrate on business matters.

GEMINI (May ZI to June 21) Try not to spend too much money this morning. Stay at home with your nate and family this evening, and you'll all be very happy.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Don't do anything which might put your reputation in jeopardy. If you are patient, you will get the assistance you need.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Skick to your routines today, and don't run off on any strange tangents. A new acquaintance may give you some incredibly bad advice.

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YOUR HOROSCOPE

From the Carroll Pighter Institute

and economic austerity, diplo-

mats say.

their annual summit discussion of economic matters was overshadowed by the war.

The summit communique mentioned the scheme in just one paragraph, saying: "The council looked favourably upon steps undertaken towards the approval of a common denominator for GCC currencies as an important step in the framework of coordinating financial and monetary

One banker commented: "The communique shows the leaders want to be seen to be following up the subject, but it really masks lack of real progress.

The GCC states — Bahrain. Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Sandi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) — are heavily dependent on the dollar, the currency in which they sell oil.

Oman pegged its riyal to the dullar in 1973, while the Saudi, Bahraini, UAE and Qatari currencies are all in practice linked to the dnllar. Knwait pegs its dinar to a basket of currencies, but it is weighted beavily towards the dollar.

Apart from the political sensiti-. vities, there appears to be considerable debate among the Gulf states over what would be the

ahead of the New Year, the 30th

of Cuba's socialist revolution,

President Castro urged Cubans to

brace themselves for more hard

times and asked them to contri-

bute more to voluntary work in

so-called micro-brigades of build-

ing workers.
"We cannot, not for a second,

expect next year to be different

from 1987. We will face in 1988

and 1989, and perhaps until 1990,

years when more prowess will be

told a national assembly session.

cerned, and don't lose your temper with your mate this evening. LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Put

Vour treative ideas to work, and get back in the good graces of your

be very profitable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

Work out a schedule early today,
and stick to it without fail. Wait un-

til the sir has cleared before speak-ing to an irate co-worker. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec.

21) Don't jump at your first oppor-tunity for some ammemmt with a friend, since something more to your liking will pop up later. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)
Study an annoying home situation
before you try to improve it; hasty
action could make things worse.
Don't invite any guests in tonight.
AQUABIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)
Keep busy at the work in front of
you, and don't let anyone distract
you. Your friends will respect you
more if you tell them your plans.
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) If
someone around you has a boorish
attitude, don't bother complaining
to this person, just leave. Listen to
the advice of an older person.

required from our people," be rency.

Some favour using the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) basket, the Special Drawing Right, made up of the Deutschemark, Japanese yen, French franc, British pound and the

dollar.

Others argue for a basket of currencies tailored specifically to the region. This too has sparked a conflict of interest since the Gulf states pursue different investment policies and a change might expose some to greater currency risks than others.

Saudi Arabia, for instance, has invested beavily in the U.S. bond markets, while Kuwait has used its oil wealth to buy shares, often in European markets.

Once a common peg was agreed, the six currencies would be allowed to fluctuate against each other by a maximum of 71/4

Central hanks would intervene from a joint fund to keep currencies within those parities in a system very similar to that now in operation in Europe.

But one banking source said: "There is still an awful lot that needs to be done. The scheme bas not been shelved, but 1 simply could not say bow long it will take

President Castro's magnetism

is unquestionable, diplomats said,

but they stressed it was difficult to

gauge popular reaction to con-

tinuing austerity in Cuba since

there was only limited dissent outside the official Communist

The year just ended, President Castro said, "was the worst year

since the start of the revolution

(in January 1959) in terms of availability of convertible cur-

Hard currency revenue in 1987

amounted to only a quarter of the

He called this a consequence of

1. A fall in oil prices — Cuba resells most of the oil it receives

2. A weak dollar - most of the

island's exports are denominated

3. A prolonged dronght that

President Castro forecast 1988

to be "the year of consolidation

(of Cuba's revolutionary process)

but in the midst of the biggest

The national assembly on Dec.

28 approved an economic plan for

According to officials of the state committee (ministry) for finance, in 1987 the economy stag-

affected the sugar harvest and

from the Soviet Union.

1984 level, he said.

three main factors:

m U.S. dollars.

limitations.'

Brian Mulroney has asked President Reagan to push for speedy congressional approval of the U.S.-Canadian free trade agreement signed by both leaders on

The agreement, signed simultaneously by Mr. Mulroney in Ottawa and by President Reagan in Palm Springs must now be approved by the U.S. Congress and the Canadian parliament.

"I have urged the president to ensure that the drafting of the U.S. legislation takes place as expeditiously as possible to permit early introduction into the U.S. Congress," Mr. Mulroney told reporters.

The accord, which eliminates all tariffs on bilateral trade within 10 years of implementation and reduces non-tariff trade barriers between the world's largest trading partners, was praised by both leaders as bistoric.

But there was some opposition in Canada as Mr. Mulroney's political opponents, the opposition Liberal and New Democratic parties, vowed to fight the accord they say violates Canadian sovereignty and demonstrators staged protests along the U.S.-Canadian border.

Some 1,000 protestors disrupted traffic on the bridge be-

PALM SPRINGS, California (R) monstration 300 people led by a — Canadian Prime Minister man waving a Canadian flag marched across the bridge linking Fort Erie, Ontario and Buffalo, N.Y., chanting: "Free Canada, trade Mulroney" and "Canada is not for sale.'

> Other demonstrations were held at border crossings in Ontarto, Quebec and British Columbia.

Approval of the measure in Canada does not seem to be a danger since Mr. Mulroney's Conservatives hold a big parliamentary majority, hnt analysts believe Mr. Mulroney might call an election on the issue this year as the Canadian public is seen as equally divided on the free trade. accord.

In the United States the deal comes at a time of mounting protectionist pressures in Congress as a way of dealing with the record trade deficit.

But President Reagan, in a formal statement, said the accord would benefit many sectors of the U.S. ecnnmy and increase Canada's access to U.S. markets. "It will encourage supporters

of free trade throughout the world hy demonstrating govern-ments can remove trade barriers even in the face of protectionist pressures," he said.

The U.S.-Canada pact will create a free trade zone from the Arctic circle to the Rio Grande, tween Detroit and Windsor, ending all tariffs gradually over Ontario. And in a separate de- 10 years, beginning in 1989.

Indonesia plans export drive in China and East Europe

JAKARTA (R) — Indonesia, seeking new markets for its rubber, coffee and other primary commodities, has identified China and Eastern Europe as key areas for expanding exports in

President Suharto singled out China and Eastern Europe as targets for expansion during an end-of-the-year cabinet session to review the budget he will announce on Tuesday, govern-ment officials said on Sunday.

President Subarto bas followed a staunchly anti-communist line since rising to power after a failed coup in 1965, which be blamed on Peking-backed communists, but in the last four years bas approved increased trade with communist states.

in South East Asia, only tea, tin and other primary coming in 1985 and still has no formal diplomatic ties.

Although there are no detailed the government is trying to infigures, businessmen say trade crease non-oil exports.

economic integration.

Arabs stress detergent industry

ABU DHABI (OPECNA) - A call was made bere to Arab

detergent manufacturers to utilise locally-made materials in making

soaps and other cleaning agents in the interest of Arab industrial and

The call came in a recommendation by the second Arab conference

with China has started to boom. In November, Indonesia signed a \$1.5 billion contract to supply 4.5 million cubic metres of plywood to China over three years.

Indonesia has sent a series of business delegations to Eastern Europe, and China sent a large trade team to Jakarta last June in an effort to expand trade.

Diplomats said President Subarto's approval of trade with Peking and Eastern Europe was significant because of lingering doubts among Indonesian businessmen about trade with communist countries due to the continued stigma against com-

munists at bome.
Indonesia is the world's second largest natural-rubber producer after Malaysia and is also a lead-Indonesia, the largest country ing producer of coffee, palm oil,

Because of fluctuating prices for oil, Indonesia's main export,

Sri Lanka to buy Iranian oil

TEHRAN (OPECNA) — Sri Lanka has signed an agreement with Iran to purchase balf a million tons of oil. The deal was finalised during the visit bere last month of Sri Lankan minister of finance and planning R.J.G. De Mel wbo beld a number of meetings with his Iranian counterpart Mobammad Javad Iravani. The Iranian minister said that his country was ready to huy 15,000 tons of Sri Lankan tea. The two sides also agreed in principle on the utilisation by Iranian ships of repair facilities available at Sri Lankan ports. The minister said Iran was willing to sell non-oil products to Sri Lanka. He added that there could be close cooperation between the two countries in agriculture, fisheries and oil exploration. Exchange of experts was another area which bad much potential.

Oman forecasts sharp rise in budget deficit despite cuts

MUSCAT (R) — Non-OPEC Oman, recovering from last year's slump in world oil prices, will keep a tight rein on spending in 1988 but faces a near doubling of its budget deficit as foreign loan repayments mount.

financial and economic affairs, Mr. Qais Ibn Abdul Monim Al on foreign borrowing in recent Zawawi said economies were years as oil revenues came under basic to the Gulf state's new year hudget endorsed by Sultan Qaboos Ibn Said on Saturday

Announcing details in the offi-cial Arabic daily Oman, he said the 1988 deficit would widen to \$500 million from a projected 108 million (\$280 million) in 1987.

Bankers said that deficit will

U.S. economy will decline sharp-

ly in 1988, an indirect result of the

October stnck market crash.

changing population patterns and

tougher management, labour spe-

The quality of new jobs also

will fall, mostly into the class of

part-time service positions rang-

ing from janitors to hamburger

flippers, which offer few benefits.

low pay and no long-term secur-

ity, a number of economists sug-

In an unusual convergence,

both labour and industry say the

economic dynamo that bas cre-

ated about 12 million new jobs in

the United States since the last

recession is stumbling, although

they disagree on how that will

Mr. Henry Schechter, deputy

director of economic research for the AFL-CIO labour Confedera-

tion, said a growing inflation rate,

decline in housing construction,

sluggish auto sales, relentless

growth in imports and cutbacks in

government budgets will all mean

One of the bluntest assess-ments of U.S. employment was

released last week by the Confer-

ence Board, a prominent business

research group. It predicted the

number of new jobs will tumble

to about 1.5 million next year,

fewer new jobs this year.

affect 1988 employment.

cialists say.

Economists expect fewer

new jobs in United States

NEW YORK (AP) — The num-ber of new jobs created by the ated in 1987.

Deputy prime minister for repayments due by Oman, one of the few Gulf states to rely beavily pressure, particularly in 1986.

Oman is not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), but follows the 13-nation group's policies closely and relies on production of about 565,000 barrels 194 million Omani riyals or about per day to fund day-tn-day

Mr. Zawawi said the new budget projects revenue of 1.35 rise because of an increase in debt billion riyals (\$3.5 billion), margi-

Mr. Richard Belous, a Confer-

ence Board labour economist

who authored the assessment.

attributed part of the decline to a

prediction that the population of

Americans seeking work will

grow at a faster pace than new

employment apportunities.

In addition, the labour force

will be comprised increasingly of

what Mr. Belous and other eco-

nomists call "contingent em-

ployees," a group that will fill

part-time temporary jobs and face higher risk of layoffs if the

layoff risk bas been aggravated by

the Oct. 19 stock market crash,

which burt the ability of com-

panies to raise money by selling stock. The alternative is to bor-

row money, which will make

corporate executives more

aggressive in cutting costs in

Another reason that private

analysts bave forecast a bleaker

employment picture in 1988 is

they foresee an inevitable cyclical

slowdown in the number of jobs

created since late 1982, when the

Ms. Sandra Shaber, an eco-

nomist with the Futures Group, a

Wasbington-based forecasting

firm, predicted a 1.5 per cent rate

of job growth next year.

last recession ended.

order to pay increased debts.

These economists contend the

economy shrinks.

other 19 ministries combined. Saudi Arabia levies new

import duties

nally higher than in 1987, while

spending will be trimmed by 0.5

per cent to 1.60 billion riyals (\$4.2 billion).

Some 79 per cent of revenue is

slated to come from oil after 85

per cent in 1987, consistent with

the sultanate's economic policy of

reducing dependence on crude

exports and supporting sectors

such as fishery and agriculture.

return to the international loan

markets in 1988 for up to \$200

million. Its budget deficit is calcu-

lated after taking account of new

borrowing and repayment on

Defence spending will rise mar-

ginally to 532.6 millinn riyals (\$1.4 hillion), though this is as

much cash as that allocated tn all

maturing loans.

Oman has said it expects to

RIYADH (RI — Saudi Arabia has imposed sweeping new import tariffs to protect local industry and reduce its large budget deficit, the Arab News reported on Sunday.

Mr. Hamad Rushoudi. directnr-general of customs, told the newspaper that duties of 12 per cent had been levied as of Jan. 2 on products ranging from cars and electronics to textiles and

Previously, they were either duty-free or carried a seven per cent rate.

Duties on a second group of products competing with locally made goods, including cement, were raised to 20 per cent from various levels.

The government has come under great pressure in the past year to protect local industry, especially the eight cement producers who have been hit by cheaper foreign imports.

Diplomats said it was uncertain how the new duties would affect the unified tariff policy the kingdom agreed with its five partners : in the Gulf Cooperation Council

The six countries of the GCC, which also includes Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, agreed several years ago to impose a common tariff of seven per cent on a wide range of imports.

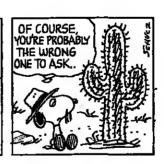
In its 1988 budget released on Wednesday, the Saudi government said it expected customs dudes to add 6.5 billinn riyals (\$1.7 billion) to its revenues for

It forecast total revenue at 105.3 billion rivals (\$28 billion) and spending at 141.2 billion (\$38 billion), leaving a shortfall of 35.9 billion riyals (\$9.6 billion).









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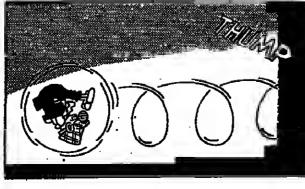








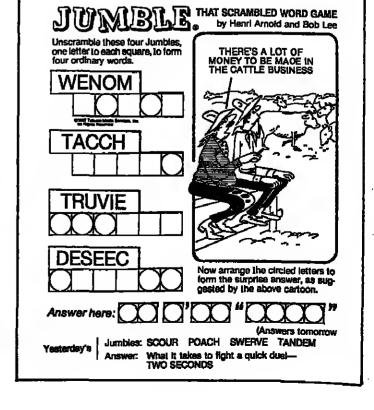
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nated after a sluggish 1.4 per cent expansion in 1986 and average growth of 7.2 per cent in the five-year period 1981-85. on a detergent industry. **Peanuts**

The meeting also stressed the importance of preparing and training manpower to promote the Arab detergent industry.

S. African feud continues with 10 more black deaths

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Ten more blacks have died in heightened feuding in Natal province and a leading black newspaper said on Sunday that the fighting cast a grim shadow of anarchy over the dream of a post-apartheid South Africa.

In a statement nn political un-rest, police reported 10 deaths of The blacks on Saturday in Natal, where 75 people were killed in December. The toll was one nf the worst since a power struggle erupted a year agn in the hlack townships of Natal.

Rivalries between the conservative, Zulu-based Inkatba higgest anti-apartheid group, the United Democratic Front (UDF), lie behind the carnage.

Support for the two movements overlaps in Natal, bnme nf South Africa's six-millinn-strong Zulu tribe.

City Press, a Jnhanneshurg newspaper widely read by blacks, said restoring peace in the area was a matter of life and death. Qunting British wartime leader Winston Churchill, it said: "If we quarrel, our children are un-

military has begun top-secret

ground tests of a powerful laser to

be launched into space in the

1990s as part of the "Star Wars"

missile defence system, the New

York Times reported nn Sunday.

The newspaper qunted a

The editorial reflected growing concern among blacks that the internecine vinlence was sowing the seeds of conflict in any future black-ruled South Africa.

Church groups estimate that 280 people have died as daily stabbings, shootings and hurnings turned townships around the Movement and South Africa's tranquil market town of Pietermaritzburg into South Africa's most untorinus killing field.

Pnlice said five men died nn Saturday in clashes between two grnups in Mpumuza township, three men were stabbed to death in nearby Deda and a 13-year-old youth and a man died of stah wounds elsewhere in the cluster nf pnverty-stricken tnwnships near Pietermaritzburg.

The City Press commented on the bloodletting: "It has serious implications for the post-apar-

U.S. reportedly testing SDI laser

theid South Africa all men and women of goodwill dream abont.

"In the past months Maritzburg (Pietermaritzburg) has slowly been slipping onto the road of anarchy. This road of nn return looms large before black South Africa if we cannot find a remedy to what is happening in Maritz-

City Press said Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi and Nubel Peace Prize winner Archbishnp Desmond Tutu were fighting a war of words rather than seeking solutions.

Tutu, whn has tried to mediate in the fighting, appealed last week to all sides to end what he termed a ghastly spiral of revenge

Buthelezi, who says Tutu is sympathetic to the UDF, accused him nf being linked with the "labyrinth of intrigue which purposefully sets nut nf perpetuate

Efforts to negotiate peace have so far been dugged by distrust hetween Inkatha and the UDF, which both appose apartheid but clash over tactics.

allies and a step toward a mnre

secure peace for the entire

He urged the Senate to move

quickly in ratify the treaty, a step

which is required under the U.S.

constitution before it can take

Mr. Reagan also appealed to the Senate to accept his numina-

tinn of Judge Anthony Kennedy

for the Supreme Court. The Sen-

ate is expected to confirm Ken-

nedy early this year in the third

attempt to replace Lewis Powell

one justice short for many

months now," Mr. Reagan said.

"So I urge the Senate to confirm Judge Kennedy with all due

"The Supreme Court has been

wbo retired last summer.

world.

ment," the newspaper said. "Pressure for the summit has come largely from the Europeans, with Mrs. (British Prime Minister Margaret) Thatcher and Chancellor Helmut Kohl of West with a range of 500 to 5,500 Germany leading the way." said the Sunday Times. kilometres, added up tn "a good deal for the United States and its

Mikhail Gnrbachev.

NATO

summit

planned

ported.

LONDON (AP) — The leaders of NATO's 16 member nations

are to meet in March for a sum-

mit about European Defence in

the wake of U.S. arms reduc-

tinns, the Sunday Times re-

The newspaper said the meet-ing will be the first of its kind in

six years and that North Atlantic

Treaty Organisatinn (NATO) heads of government have met

nnly twice in the past 10 years.

The newspaper said the meet-ing "aims to coordinate the

alliance's policy on arms cuts and

quieten fears that the United

States will reduce its commitment

to Europe" as it pulls nut in-

termediate-range nuclear missiles

in accordance with a pact signed in December by U.S. President

Rnnald Reagan and Snviet leader

public npininn in Western Europe that NATO is in full

agreement and not on a slippery

sinpe toward nuclear disarma-

'Its purpose is also to reassure

"The European leaders believe a summit is essential, not only to endorse the medium-range treaty signed in Washington last munth, hut also to ensure that the superpowers' rush toward arms control does not leave Western Europe at

disadvantage. In a separate development, London's Sunday Express reported the United States plans to cancel millinns of dollars of defence spending that had been planned to be spent in Britain in

The newspaper said the cuts will be announced nn Wednesday and that they will be the "tip nf the iceberg.

The report said the cuts will include \$130 million from the \$564 milling allotted for developing a new version of the British Hawker Harrier "jump jet" that the United States also uses.

There will also be cuts in buildings at American bases in Britain, the report said.

It added: "Though the savings are tiny in relation to the huge forces in Europe, they will certainly provoke unease throughout NATO, especially as similar cuts are being imposed on American bases in West Germany and

Italy. A British Defence Ministry spokesman said the ministry was unaware of such cuts and Britain still intended to carry out its part of the Harrier project.

50 Brazilian gold miners said killed during protest

RIO DE JANEIRO (R) -- Miners' leaders said at least 50 prospecturs died in a clash with military police in a gold-rusb town in northern Brazil, but police put the death toll at three.

"I have never beard of a massacre equal to this in Brazil," Joao Tadeu, a union official at the gold-mining site of Serra Pelada, said in a telephone inter-

"There are at least 50 dead."

he said on Saturday. However, a federal police spokesman, Wilson Alfredo Perpetuo, sent to Serra Pelada to investigate Tuesday's incident, said the official death toll was three hut there were rumours of many more dead in the area in the Amazon Basin, some 1,300 kilnmetres north west nf Brasilia.

He said police used force to end a miners' blockade of a road and rail bridge over the Tocantins River near the Serra Pelada site. The miners were trying to press the government to release funds tn make the dangerous Serra

Pelada pit safer. Tadeu said armed police gold rush.

charged the 5,000 miners on the bridge from both sides and opened fire. He said many jumped into the river, 80 metres below.

Initial reports from the remote area spoke of only two dead. Nelson Marabuto, a member of a congressional inquiry into Serra Pelada, has alleged that nearly 100 miners died. Mr. Marabuto, a former presi-

dent of the National Indian Agency Funai, has made statements to the press accusing Para State Governor Helio Gueiros of being responsible for the deaths. Mr. Gueiros said on Saturday

that Mr. Marabuto's allegations

"do not deserve to be taken

seriously." Difficult communications with Serra Pelada made it difficult for journalists to gather information. One local radio station went off

the air after the clash. Fifteen mnnths ago there were about 40,000 men and their families living at Serra Pelada, the most famous symbol of Brazil's

Nkomo becomes senior minister in Zimbabwe

HARARE (R) - President Robert Mugabe has completed a series of political and constitutinnal changes by bringing former opposition leader Joshua Nkomo back into Zimbabwe's cabinet.

Announcing the government shuffle nn Saturday, Mr. Mugabe said Mr. Nkomo would be one of three senior ministers in the president's office, overseeing several ministries, including local government and rural and urban development.

"We are now trying to consolidate national unity by working together," Mr. Nkomo said.

Mr. Mugabe became Zimhabwe's first executive president nn New Year's Eve. The post of prime minister, which he had held since independence seven years ago, was abolished.

Mr. Nkomo's return follows colnny of Rhodesia. Under the new set-up, the fnr-mer opposition leader will rank just behind Vice-President Simon Muzenda, Mr. Mugabe's deputy.

the merger of the country's two

main political parties, whose

intermittent rivalry dated back to

their leaders' uneasy alliance as guerrilla chiefs fighting white set-

tler rule in the breakaway British

The shuffle gave additional powers to Finance Minister Bernard Chidzero, who will nversee all economic ministries and plan-

Mr. Mugabe gave the defence portfolio, which he had held himself, to Enos Nkala, a hitter enemy of Mr. Nknmo believed to have opposed the merger of the ruling ZANU-PF with Mr. Nkomo's PF-ZAPU.

1,200 evacuated after oil spill into U.S. river

JEFFERSON, Pennsylvania (R) three million gallons (11,356,200 — A massive oil spill from a litres) of heating oil but not all factory near Pittshurgh stretched had spilled into the river. lioug 24 kilometres of the Monnngahela River has forced the evacuation of 1,200 people because of the risk of fire, officials said on Sunday.

"There's been a catastrophic release of heating oil type fuel," Fire Department spokesman Bob Ferguson said. "The storage tank collapsed and dumped this stuff all over the place."

He said the tank contained

The plan details the perform-

ance capabilities of the vessel,

which would have a displacement

a vertical takeoff and landing

A Coast Guard spokesman said a million-gallon (3,785,400-litre) petrol tank next to the ruptured tank had also leaked some fuel into the river. The cause of the leaks on Saturday evening was not known.

About 1,200 people were evacuated from the area because of the possibility of fire, police said, althnugh helow-freezing weather reduced the danger.

Japan to build carrier to protect sea lanes

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's Defence Agency is considering development of an aircraft carrier and a destroyer equipped with the sophisticated Aegis missile system to protect its sea lanes, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The Yomiuri Shimbun said it nbtained a document showing the Defence Agency plans to huild an aircraft carrier modeled on the Invincible class used by the British Navy.

platform for eight to 10 fighter jets, the paper said. The Invincible class provides command, control and communications facilities as well as

facilities for aircraft.

veloped after Japan introduces a destroyer equipped with the of 16,000 tons and could provide Aegis missile system, which can attack multiple targets simultaneously.

er said the carrier would be de-

In December the government approved a fiscal 1988 budget which allocates \$31 million for downpayment on an Aegis system, estimated to cost \$1.1 bil-

2 quakes shake southern California

A small earthquake rumbled be- community of Yucca Valley, 160 neath a desert area Saturday kilometres east of Los Angeles, hours after an aftershock of the about 11:40 a.m. (1940 GMT). Oct. 1 quake shook a Los Angeles suburh, authorities said. No damage was reported Saturday.

Earlier, an aftershock of the big Oct. 1 quake rattled part nf

the San Gabriel Valley, about 24

Angeles. The 3:52 a.m. (1152 GMT) temblor measured 3.2 nn the Richter Scale, said Robert Finn, spokesman for the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

Local sheriff's stations did not report any damage in either the A temblor measuring 3.9 on the kilometres north east of Los quake or aftershock Saturday.

U.S. aides to hold talks with Afghan rebels

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Michael Armacost was accompanied by Robert Oakley, Middle East director of the National Security Council staff, said State Department spokesman Rudi Boone.

cuss a wide range of issues, hut 'certainly there will be a large emphasis on Afghanistan."

in Sunday's editions that Mr. Armacost has asked to see senior the Soviet invasion of Afghanis-Afghan resistance leaders in tan by calling upon the Soviet

Mr. Armacost said Mr. Gor-

"He said they would not engage in military operations except self-defence," Mr. Armacost said on Dec. 22. "It was something, as far as I am aware, that they have never said before."

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Reagan gives award to Bob Hope

PALM DESERT, California (R) - President Reagan paid tribute to American comedian Bob Hope on Saturday night. presenting him with the first "America's Hope" Award in honour of a "lifetime of service and achievement." "It is appropriate that the first award should go to a gentleman who has practised the liveliest of arts — comedy — for over six happy decades," Mr. Reagan said. He said the 84-year-old British-born comedian's name described his life, "and where there is life there is hope,"
Reagan spoke to political and Hollywood celebrities at the dedication of a \$20 million Bob Hope Cultural Centre in the Californian town of Palm Desert. Mr. Reagan is on holiday in nearby Palm Springs. "Naming a cultural centre for me is like naming a monastery for Gary Hart," Hope said, alluding to the Democratic presidential contender who returned to the race after dropping out when his relationship with model Donna Rice was publicised.

Australian woman burns children, herself

MELBOURNE (R) - A woman burnt herself and her two children to death after dousing the three of them with petrol in their backyard, Australian police said on Sunday. They said the woman, in her thirties, and a one-year-old daughter were found dead on Saturday in Melbourne's St. Albans suburb. A sevenyear-old daughter died in hospital on Sunday. Police did not release the names of the dead and said the woman had recently fallen out with her common law husband.

Bodies of slaves buried alive discovered

PEKING (R) — Archaeologists have found tombs in the suburbs of Shanghai containing the bodies of four slaves who were buried alive when their masters died 4,500 years ago. The discovery is the earliest known example in China of such burials and indicates that slavery began at least 400 years earlier than previously thought, the New China News Agency said on Sunday. In one of the three tombs, dated to the Liangzin culture, two bodies lay under the feet of a third. The two had their hands tied behind them, their legs twisted and heads angled upwards. "This discovery seems to conjure a scene of the buried struggling, resisting, calling for help," the agency said. Jade ornaments, believed to be symbols of power, adorned the remains of the bodies believed to be those of the slave masters.

China brewing too much beer

PEKING (R) — China, traditionally a nation of tea-drinkers, is brewing too much beer. The China Daily Business Weekly said on Sunday the country had leaped into sixth place among world beer producers by brewing over five million tonnes in 1987, an increase of more than a quarter over 1986. Zhejiang province in eastern China was in danger of failing to produce enough grain to eat because farmers were growing more and more barley for beer. "Some specialists have called for a check on growing beer production, warning it may cause excessive cuts in output of grain which is in short supply in China," the newspaper said. Fast growing demand for beer has caused unchecked expansion of production and poorer quality in some areas. Ministry of Commerce officials said.

Trapped women survive on peanuts

SPRINGERVILLE, Arizona (R) — Two women trapped for 10 days in their snowbound car in a remote part of eastern Arizona survived on peanuts and a bread roll, police said. Lisa Barzano. 18, and Jami Goldman, 19, were found on Saturday by snow-mobile riders in Apache National Forest south east of Springerville, police said. They were flown to hospital near the state capital of Phoenix, where they were being treated for frostbite. The pair, last seen on Dec. 23 on their way home from a ski trip, took a wrong turn and became stuck in snow 9,500 feet (2,900 metres) up a mountain road closed for the winter, a police spokesman said. They survived sub-zero temperatures by staying inside their car dressed in ski clothes. They had a bread roll and a bag of peanuts with them, he said.

Cicciolina bids for party leadership

BOLOGNA, Italy (AP) - Italy's Radical Party, which led the battle for legalisation of divorce and abortion in the 1970s. npened its annual Congress Saturday with its most celebrated exponent, stripper and blue-movie actress Cicciolina, as a candidate for the party leadership. Announcing her candidacy, Cicciolina, whose victorious topless campaign for parliament last year made her an international celebrity. said: "I win sympathy and this reflects on the party." Posters at the 34th Congress displayed the new Radical logo, featuring the face of Mahatma Gandhi in place of the old symbol of a fist clenching a rose. "With all respect for Gandhi, maybe I'd do better, said 37-year-old Cicciolina, whose real name is Ilona Staller. The Hungarian born star of hard-core porno films said, however, that she does not intend to run for the leadership if the current secretary. Giovanni Negri, stays in office.

Pasternak's name 'cleared of slander'

MOSCOW (AP) - Poet and author Yevgeny Yevtushenko said the late writer Boris Pasternak's name has been cleared of slander in the Soviet uninn and there should be no doubt he deserved the 1958 Nubel Prize for Literature. Pasternak, who died in official disgrace in 1960, rejected the prestigious award under pressure from the Soviet government. His sole novel, Doctor Zhivago, was criticised in the Soviet Uninn because it allegedly sympathised with the aristocracy uprooted by the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution and the four years of civil war that followed. In the past two years. Pasternak has been fully rehabilitated under Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms that encourage reassessment of past official attitudes. Yevtushenko made his comments in a New Year's Day interview with the official TASS news agency. "There should not be any ambiguity about the question of Pasternak's Nobel Prize, he earned it with his entire life and work," Yevtushenko said.

Australian bicentennial kicks off

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) - Most Australians began celebrating the bicentennial of the continent's settlement by Europeans, but aboriginal activists began what they call a year of mourning. Wreaths were thrown on the beach where British explorer Capt. James Cook landed in 1770. 18 years before the arrival of British convict ships began the continent's colonisation. Prime Minister Bob Hawke was heckled by aborigines, who make up about one per cent of Australia's population of 16 million. Millions of Australians ended the day watching "Australia Live - A Celebration Of a Nation," a four-hour live telecast from 70 locations down under and around the world that included the first-ever live feed from Antarctica. "Every Australian will go to bed on the night of Jan. 1 feeling good about Australia, about the last 200 years and about the future," said Bob Phillips, coordinating producer for the Channel 9 Network.

spnkesman for the air force weapons laboratory in Alhuquer-The laser is certain to intensify que. New Mexico, as saying the disputes over whether the United first test involved the cold flow of States would violate the antifuel through the laser.

NEW YORK (R) — The U.S. based shield against missiles.

Later in the test, the gasses will be ignited, the Times quoted J. Richard Garcia as saying. The laboratory manages the programme for the Pentagnn's Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) Orga-

"It achieved wbat we wanted," Garcia said. SD1, more commonly known

as Star Wars, is President

controversial aspects of the plan, the Times said. Its launching would be America's first deployment of a space laser powerful enhugh to damage

The two-millinn watt laser is

nne nf the most expensive and

nr destrny orbiting targets. hallistic missile treaty by testing it in space, the newspaper said.

Meanwhile President Reagan nn Saturday called nn the U.S. Senate to quickly ratify the treaty he signed last month with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to eliminate short and medium-range

nuclear missiles. In his first weekly radio address

of 1988, Mr. Reagan said the intermediate nuclear forces treaty Reagan's programme for a space- hanning U.S. and Soviet missiles U.K. bans publication of some

material from ex-agent's book LONDON (AP) — The government has won an interim injunction banning a second newspaper

security nr intelligence matters. The government obtained an interim injunction against the from publishing sensitive material Observer on Friday after arguing from a book by ex-agent Anthony

Cavendish. The latest legal moves sparked renewed printests from editors and opposition politicians that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government is using pre-publication injunctions to destroy

press freedom. High Court Judge Sir Paul Kennedy barred the Sunday Times from publishing material affecting security nr Cavendish's work in East Bloc countries in the late 1950s and early 1960s fnr MI6, which gathers foreign intelligence. On Friday, the government obtained an injunctinn

against the Observer. But lawyers for the two papers claimed a "small victory" when Kennedy lifted a hlanket ban nn reporting any material from Cavendish's book, "inside intelligence." The judge said the Observer and the Sunday Times ties in New Zealand and Hong

that Cavendish broke a formal vow never to reveal details of his intelligence work and claiming that publicatinn would damage

national security. Cavendisb abandaned a twoyear battle to publish the book after the government threatened legal action, but he sent 500 privately printed copies to friends

as Christmas presents. The battle over the memoirs of former intelligence agents began in 1985 when Britain started court preceedings in Australia to halt publication of Spycatcher by former intelligence officer Peter Wright, using the same secrecy argument.

Britain lost in lower courts and is taking its fight to Australia's highest court, thrugh Spycatcher was published in Australia in October and is a bestseller. It has can print extracts not dealing with Knng to han the book.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

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PARQ North East Pass Pass 1 # Pass 3 NT Pass Opening lead: Jack of 4 There is a gamut of deceptive plays involving elaborate falsecards and other maneuvers.

Equally effective, however, are those strategies that can be as simple as refusing to win a trick when it is offered. South fell victim to such e trap on today's hand. Because of his primary controls and body, South felt his hand was too strong for an opening bid of one no trump. As a result, he stretched

· trifle for his jump to two no

EAST'S TANGLED WER trump over his partner's one-spa

response. North's raise to game 'was automatic. West led the top of his club se-mence, and declarer could count only five sure winners outside of the spade suit. It seemed a

straightforward matter to develop four spade tricks, so declarer ran the nine of spades at trick two. East followed low without a moment's hesitation. Impressed by the "success" of his finesse, South repeated it and East won with his now bare queen. That left declarer severed from dummy, and eventually he had to be satisfied with six tricks when he went after dia-monds rather than hearts.

Some observers felt South would have done better had he overtaken the nine of spades with dummy's ten in an attempt to make the de-fenders think he held a singleton. However, it is unlikely that anyone would jump to two no trump with a singleton in partner's suit; regard-less, if East was good enough to duck the nine of spades, he would probably have done the same thing even had an honor been played

from the table. Can we really censure declarer for repeating the spade finesse rather than trying to drop the queen? The odds favored a 4-2

2 more candidates killed in Philippines

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Gunmen shot dead two candidates in separate incidents, raising to 20 the number of candidates slain during the campaign for the Jan. 18 regional elections,

officials said Sunday. As pre-election tension mounted, another candidate for mayor of a Manila suburb said he bad received a death threat.

Also, Vice President Salvador Laurel warned that voting, already postponed in some areas, may bave to be delayed in other areas hecause of threats from Communist rebels.

In the latest bloodshed, police said Inncencin Feras, 55, an oppositinn mayoral candidate in the Mindanao town of Roxas. was shnt dead Saturday by a Inne gunman, who escaped.

Mr. Feras was a former mayor of Roxas, 720 kilometres south of Manila.

He was the fourth candidate slain in Mindanao's Zamboanga peninsula in a spate of killings which began last week, police

Also Saturday, gunmen killed town council candidate Gabriel Hinolan as he sat on a podium at a campaign rally in escalante, 505 kilometres south of Manila. He was a pro-government candidate. Hinolan's killers also escaped,

police said. Vnters will choose provincial governors, mayors, council members and other local officials in this month's election.

Meanwhile, Jose Mari Gonzalez, a mayoral candidate in the Manila suburb of Mandaluyong, said a written death threat was delivered to him in a gift box along with a grenade and a round nf M-16 ammunition on New Year's Eve. He is a candidate of Mr. Laurel's UNIDO party.

Meanwhile bundreds of mourning relatives shouting "justice for the death" marched through Manila on Sunday with the remains of 40 of the estimated 2,000 victims of the world's worst peacetime sea tragedy. The mourners, numbering ab-

out 500, were demanding com-pensation for relatives of all the victims of the sinking of the ferry Dona Paz, and were escorted by police to a navy ship at Manila docks for a return journey to bome provinces.

The mass-circulation newspap-

PASADENA, California (AP) — Richter Scale rocked the desert

Department said. Undersecretary of State

The State Department said last week that the officials would dis-

The Washington Post reported

The newspaper, quoting administration officials, said President Ronald Reagan sent a message reassuring the rebel leaders that the United States will continue and even strengthen its support for the resistance fighters as long as the Soviet Union continues to press its battle in Afghanistan.

Mr. Reagan met with Khalis and several other Afghan resistance leaders at the White House last month, and made a similar pledge of U.S. sup

Last week, the president marked the eighth anniversary of

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two high-ranking U.S. officials left Yunis Khalis, chairman of the Saturday for Pakistan, where Islamic Alliance of Afghan Mu-

The United States has long pressed for Soviet withdrawal. and Mr. Reagan brought the subject up during his summit meeting with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev last month, urging him to set a timetable for disengage-

bachev declined to provide the United States with a timetable, but offered to curb Red Army actions once the pullout starts.

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